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As fighting slows, interest remains, focus shifts

Daily protesters change signs, not opinions

By Andrea Gregory

Though the bulk of the heavy fighting has already come and gone, they face the road for an hour almost every day, projecting their anti-war views to the public on Main Street. Andover residents may have noticed the small group standing in front of Old Town Hall. Some of them hold signs or wear them around their necks. Some of them hold candles lighting up their presence. They say they are asking for peace, want to end the war in Iraq and see the American troops come home.

"It's a way that we've found like-minded souls," says Rebecca Backman of 19 Pomeroy Road, one of the protesters. "There is a group of about seven or eight of us who are really dedicated."

For a month now they have ignored the fluctuating weather conditions. What started as a one-night event on the first day of war has slowly turned into a downtown tradition for local protesters who plan to continue until overseas military action stops.

"What we're hoping is the bombs stop and the shooting stops," she says, but the protesting will continue. "We want the military presence to be substantially less. We really want our military out."

Backman says because of other antiwar activities and peace rallies that members of this group try to attend, they're not always downtown on the weekend.

"Weeknights are a definite," Backman says. "The weekends are a little harder."

By making a contribution to a cause she believes in, says Backman "We all really feel better at the end of the day."

Backman says changes in war have affected changes in their messages. She says many of the sign holders have been thinking about new messages they would like to express and some have changed already. The old signs from the group say "Support the troops. Bring them home," and other slogans calling for the war to end. Newer signs say things like "Democracy or Empire? Can't have both" and address the next step for US military troops. Large, colorful peace flags were

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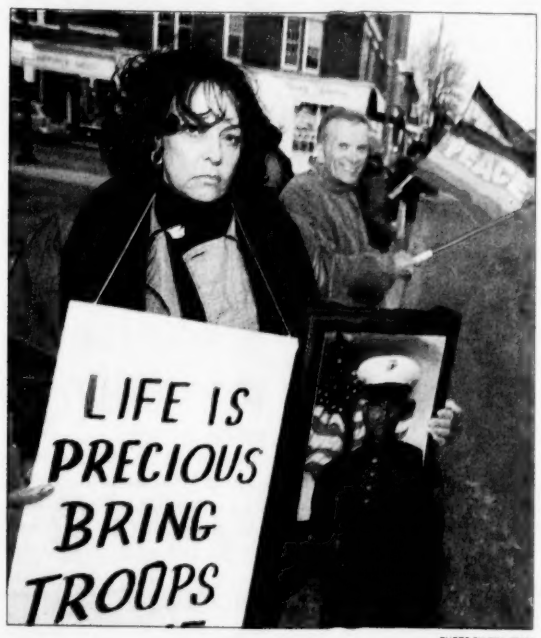

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Holding a sign "Life is precious, bring troops home," protester Dilenia Rodriguez stands on Andover's Main Street with a picture of her son, Javier Baez.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

With a journalist embedded in their son Chris' unit, Joe and Connie Lynch of Laconia Drive keep tabs on Chris' movement through a Web site, and learn the latest on the war watching TV news.

Parents stay surrounded by TV, Web updates

By Neil Fater

There is one constant in the Lynch household nowadays. A chattering TV is always tuned to news of the war in Iraq.

Whether Joe and Connie Lynch are eating in the kitchen, talking in the living room or getting ready for bed, an active TV or two is always within earshot. The TV has become something of a lifeline, reaching from the Lynches of Laconia Drive to the latest resting point for their son Chris Lynch, a platoon sergeant with the 82nd Airborne Division in Iraq.

"We go to sleep with it on," says Connie Lynch. "So it's really not a good night's sleep because you think you heard something, and sit up."

Her son Chris Lynch has 50 paratroopers in his command, and he's an infantryman who is also responsible for taking and holding airfields. He shipped out on Valentine's Day, leaving behind his valentine, his wife Cindy, and their baby. The war began on his 34th birthday, March 20. Since then, both parents say the coverage has been both a blessing and a curse.

"What do parents do? They worry about their kids," says Connie Lynch. "They worry when they get on the school bus. They worry when they get their driver's license. This is a *big* worry."

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Town Meeting preview

PAZ says selectmen 'taken advantage of'

By Andrea Gregory

As the plans for the Avalon Bay housing project proceed so will a Town Meeting warrant article to prevent it – though without the selectmen's recommendation of approval.

The selectmen voted to recommend disapproval of Article 41, a private article submitted by Protect Andover Zoning (PAZ), after hearing from town council about the legal ramifications that could follow if the article is to pass at Town Meeting this month.

The 1997 Town Meeting gave authorization to the selectmen and town manager to enter into an inter-municipal sewer agreement with Tewksbury and Lowell. PAZ claims the warrant article, at that time, was intended for the nuns of St. Clare and was never intended for such projects as the one coming from Avalon Bay. PAZ's article asks the town to now rescind the 1997 decision.

> **"They say they'll learn from their mistakes, meanwhile Andover has this inappropriate development."**
>
> RESIDENT MADELINE ST. AMAND, ON SELECTMEN'S HANDLING OF A RIVER ROAD HOUSING PROJECT

Chapter 40B allows Avalon Bay to build its proposed development without meeting town zoning bylaws. The original layout for the development with eight buildings and 152 units was scaled

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Conversion article to be withdrawn

By Andrea Gregory

The current bylaw regarding conversions will stand for at least another year while the Housing Partnership Committee eliminates glitches and forges a stronger warrant article for next year's Town Meeting.

On Monday, the committee voted 6-0 to recommend withdrawing its conversion article at Town Meeting, a decision directly related to a discussion between the Housing Partnership Committee and residents of downtown Andover who were concerned about the pro-

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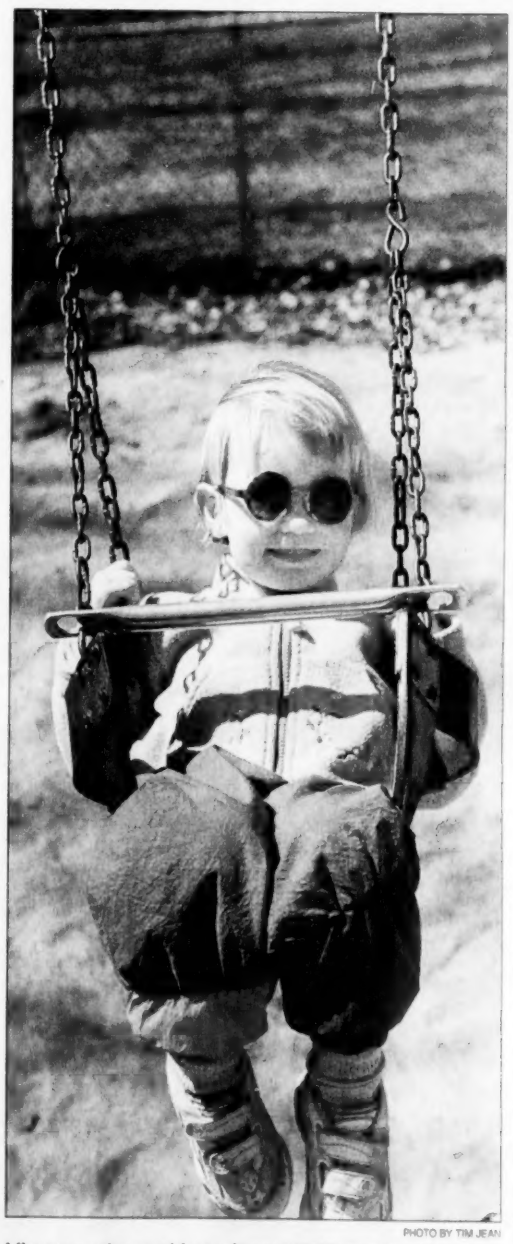

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Like many other residents, Sinead McEleney found a way to enjoy spring temperatures on Monday at Penguin Park playground off Burnham Road. Colder weather was expected to return later by today, Thursday.

COURTESY PHOTO

Police office and Andover High graduate Jason Dowd says he reenlisted out of a sense of obligation to his young troops.

As war began, this officer reenlisted

By Ben Hellman

Police officer and Andover native Jason Dowd says he was a small-town guy when he first got shipped to Iraq. Just 19 years old, Dowd's world didn't stretch much further than Elm Court, where he grew up and had spent his whole life. That was before the first Gulf War.

In Iraq he was faced with blistering heat, nightly scud-attacks and chemical scares. He was almost forced to open fire on an Iraqi civilian and a soldier from his unit was killed.

That might make it all the more notable that when his National Guard status was about to expire in March – when he knew the US was going to war – he reenlisted. Though a sense of civic duty and family pride led him to enlist in the active army the first time, a sense of responsibility for the nine men he is in charge of made him reenlist last month.

"I couldn't just leave my guys to go over there alone," he says. Dowd says some of the soldiers under him are right out of high school, in the same position he was in when he went to Iraq. He didn't want to leave them under the command of someone who didn't have his experience.

Jason Dowd

He enlisted even though the move might have put him in trouble with his three older sisters, who he says counted the days for him to come home when he was last in Iraq. His sisters also were counting the days for his duty to end so he wouldn't get shipped off again.

He hasn't heard from all of them yet, but he suspects they are all proud of him, despite concerns. "I haven't gotten any flak for it yet," he says.

Dowd says he will probably

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Schools reluctant to engage in new round of redistricting

By Meir Rinde

Three grade levels at High Plain Elementary School are expected to have too many students per teacher in the fall, and some parents are asking the School Committee to redistrict their neighborhood.

The town underwent redistricting just last year, before opening two new schools – High Plain and Wood Hill Middle School – in West Andover.

But five parents who attended Tuesday's committee meeting said the new district lines put too many households in the High Plain district. That will create third-grade and fifth-grade classrooms with at least 27 students and an average first grade class size of 23.5 students, according to administrators' projections.

Those numbers are above target class sizes, and the parents said district lines should change again to shift some children into the town's other elementary schools. Sanborn and South schools are projected to have only one overenrolled classroom each, Bancroft will have one or two and West Elementary will have none.

"Should one school shoulder the burden of high class sizes?" asked Margaret Smith, who has a son and daughter at High Plain. "Shouldn't it be shared equally? I know money is tight, but is this acceptable?"

Smith noted that when Superintendent Claudia Bach began the budget-cutting process earlier this year, she pledged to follow parents' stated priority of keeping class sizes small at the elementary level. Specialized physical education, health and other courses were cut instead of regular classroom teachers.

But School Committee members said they were reluctant to return to the lengthy and painstaking redistricting process so soon, and Bach said it was too early to know exactly how many students would enroll at High Plain by the time school starts in September.

Bach proposed allowing some parents to transfer their children to another school with smaller classes. For example, a few third-graders could move to Sanborn School, where the projected average third-grade class size is only 19.7 students.

But that process should not begin until August, when Bach will have a better idea of how many students in each grade have moved into and out of each school's area, she said. Otherwise, unexpected changes in enrollment figures could create even more lopsided class sizes.

"You're getting rid of a bubble over here, but you're creating a bubble over there," Business Administrator Bernard Tuttle said.

In response to parent concerns that waiting until August wouldn't leave enough time for the schools and families to fix the enrollment problem, member Tony James tried to suggest a compromise.

James was instructing High Plain Principal Brenda O'Brien to find families that would be willing to move to another school in the event that numbers made small-scale school swapping necessary. O'Brien agreed that it was a good idea, but Chairwoman Tina Girdwood pointed out that the superintendent had recommended no action.

In the next two years, none of the elementary schools will have more than one overenrolled grade, according to the projections.

Smith and other parents drew attention to a number of large apartment complexes planned for the High Plain area, which could bring in more new families and more students. But it is unclear when the complexes will be built, and new homes, especially small apartments, are usually not the source of higher enrollment numbers, Tuttle said.

One of the parents, Denise Nash, said in general she supported the idea of transferring a few students to other schools, but not if the students' brothers and sisters had to stay at High Plain, as Bach proposed.

"I don't want to be a PTO mom at one school and PTO mom at another school," said Nash, whose two children are in first grade and preschool.

The School Committee did not vote on Bach's proposal, but put further discussion of enrollment figures off to an unspecified future meeting.

Scholarship fund for fire victim

By Meir Rinde

Katya Yerozolimsky

Katya Yerozolimsky, an Andover High School graduate who died in an Amherst house fire Saturday, will be remembered through a scholarship fund set up by her mother's co-workers.

Yerozolimsky, 21, was a junior studying anthropology at the University of Massachusetts. She emigrated from Moscow to Andover in 1988 with her parents and younger brother.

Sandy Brown, managing partner at Keller Williams Realty and a co-worker of Yelena Yerozolimsky, said the fund is a way of keeping Katya alive in people's hearts.

"Yelena joined us a few months ago, and we've all come to know and love her," Brown said. "We were trying to think of a way to help her with this grief. It's never easy losing someone, but when it's your child you're never prepared for it."

The fund will award one scholarship a year to an Andover High School senior, Brown said.

Keller Williams made the first donation of $500 and a number of the firm's agents have pledged to make a donation for every real estate transaction they complete, he said. Members of the public are also invited to make donations.

Students applying for the scholarship will be asked to describe their value systems and give an example of those values being put to a test, Brown said. The firm and the high school administration will pick the winner, Brown said.

It will be awarded for the first time to a member of this year's graduating class.

Donations should be sent to the Katya Yerozolimsky Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o David Coco, Northmark Bank, P.O. Box 825, North Andover, MA 01845.

Katya Yerozolimsky's family, her parents George and Yelana and her younger brother Sergey, wanted residents to know they've appreciated the support they've received in town.

"We want to express our deepest gratitude to all good people of Andover, adults and kids, for their great hearts, for their unbelievable support and for that outburst of their noble human feelings with which they surrounded us in the days of a horrible tragedy which happened to our beloved daughter, Katya," the family stated.

School Committee

New head after Town Meeting?

By Ben Hellman

A plan to change School Committee officers after Town Meeting could lead to shorter meetings and less public participation at meetings.

School Committee member Christopher Smith, a vocal critic of meeting lengths and the lack of parliamentary procedure at meetings, said there were informal discussions of changing the chairwoman's position after Town Meeting every year. It is a practice currently followed by selectmen.

Member Tony James said this week the meetings run too long and wear out committee members and residents in the audience. "We schedule far too many items and too many repetitive items," he said.

James said aiming for 90-minute meetings and sometimes going as long as two hours was appropriate. This week's meeting ran closer to three hours, and meetings have been known to run longer than four hours, or past 11:30 p.m.

Smith said the chairwoman or man should control the meetings and that if 40 people showed up, perhaps only five to seven should be allowed to speak.

Smith said if he, James or new member Art Barber were voted to run the meetings there would be changes. Barber nominated Smith to be chairman at the last meeting, but Smith declined in the interest of providing continuity to the meetings until Town Meeting. Barber said he has not decided whether he would repeat his nomination.

The next School Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, after Town Meeting.

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School lunch prices climb

By Ben Hellman

Parents at all schools will see a 50-cent increase in school lunches next year. Schools Business Manager Bernie Tuttle said the 2003-04 school budget was put together with the expectation of a lunch increase. The superintendent's preliminary budget stated the administration expected to raise $50,000 with the higher lunch prices.

The current food and paper contract will have to be renegotiated for next year and Tuttle expects a significant increase in cost. Food services are also purchasing a new freezer for Doherty Middle School.

The increase comes in a year of other fee increases. Children in grades 7 to 12 will pay a bus fee for riding the bus in the coming year. Tuttle said comparable programs in other districts charged $200 to 250 per student.

Tuttle said these bus riders would need some sort of identification card to get onto buses next year. These would prove the student had paid and belonged on the bus. School Committee member Art Barber asked if an electronic ID card that allowed students to pay for lunch and bus services was possible. Superintendent Claudia Bach said student IDs might be adopted in Andover in the near future for security purposes.

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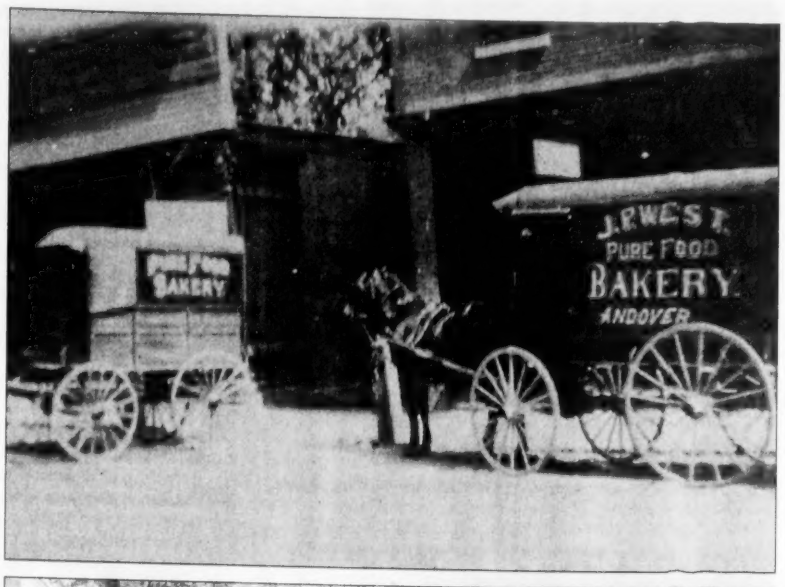

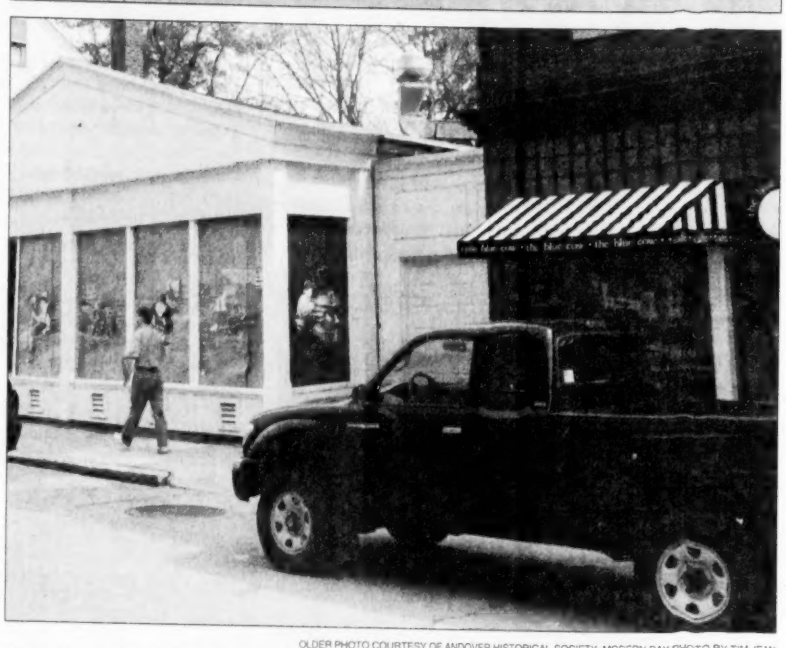

OLDER PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. MODERN-DAY PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

In the top photo, from 1905, residents can see the J.P. West Pure Food Bakery occupied 11 Barnard St. Today, the area next to The Blue Cow is awaiting a new tenant, following a move by Hometown Seafoods to a larger space.

Busy time at IRS

Many workers at the Andover Internal Revenue Service's facility in Andover are facing their busiest time of the year this week, with Tuesday's April 15 deadline for filing federal tax returns.

The Andover center on Lowell Street, Route 133, is expected to handle an estimated 8.5 million paper returns, even as a movement is underway to encourage more people to file electronically.

Correction on CASA

According to several of those who attended an April 3 event for the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program ("Defending kids in family court," *Townsman*, April 10) Judge Jose Sanchez never made a "plea for donations" as reported. Sanchez was asked to speak at the event to explain the program and raise public awareness of it. He spoke only about the benefits of the program, and about the work of volunteers, said CASA Advisory Board members and volunteers.

The event was not affiliated with the League of Women Voters.

Curbside leaf pickup

The town of Andover will be conducting curbside leaf collection for six weeks beginning Monday, April 14 through Friday, May 23. Residents are to put their leaves out on their designated trash-collection day. Any appropriate size containers may be used for leaves, but residents using plastic bags must use clear plastic.

Real-estate tax

The town has mailed the real estate tax bill for the fiscal year 2003 fourth quarter. Payment is due Thursday, May 1. Taxes unpaid after that date are subject to interest charges of 14 percent.

Town Offices, at 36 Bartlet St., are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Payments can be mailed in the envelope provided or dropped in the white mailbox in front of Town Offices. The tax collectors' office will be open May 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Questions? Call 978-623-8200.

Quote, unquote . . .

I FELT LIKE WE, the Board of Selectmen, were held hostage. We were held hostage to the fact that that was the only way we were going to get reduced units.

– Selectman John Hess, on the proposed Avalon Bay housing project that could bring 115 units to River Road. **(Story, page 1)**

ALL THE IMAGES OF (BEN STILLER) at the beginning of *There's Something about Mary* are absolutely me, dead on.

– Andover native Dave Casanave, who was picked to launch a new movie show on TBS because of his likeness to the comedic celebrity Ben Stiller. **(Story, page 21)**

News Calendar

Thursday, April 17

Strategic Planning Task Force, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 a.m.

Board Board of Assessors, Town Offices, assessor's conference room, 9 a.m.

Council on Aging, Senior Center, 1 p.m.

Senior Center Task Force, Town Offices, second floor, 1 p.m.

Andover Housing Authority, 100 Morton St., 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, assessor's conference room, 9 a.m.

Pesticide Reduction Task Force, Water Treatment Plant, Lowell Street (Route 133), conference room, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 24

Senior Center Task Force, Town Offices, second floor, 1 p.m.

Disabilities Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 26

Patriotic Holiday Committee, Andover High School cafeteria, 12:30 p.m.

Monday, April 28

Selectmen, Andover High School computer room, 6 p.m.

Town Meeting, Andover High School Field House, Shawsheen Road, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29

Selectmen, Andover High School computer room, 6 p.m.

Town Meeting, Andover High School Field House, 7 p.m.

Finegold office hours

State Rep. Barry R. Finegold and staff will hold office hours on Tuesday, April 22 in Lawrence, Andover and Tewksbury at the following times and locations:

Lawrence: Al's Diner, 297 South Broadway St fom 8 to 9 a.m.

Tewksbury: Tewksbury Senior Center from 9 to 10 a.m.

Andover: Andover Senior Center from 10 to 11 a.m. and at Memorial Hall Library from 6 to 7 p.m.

Early *Townsman* deadlines

Due to the holiday this coming Monday, the *Townsman* will have early deadlines.

News copy, such as for the events calendar, is due at the paper by tomorrow, Friday, at 5 p.m. Letters to the editor are due by Monday at noon if sent by e-mail. Otherwise letters should be received by Friday at 5 p.m.

Advertisers should reserve space by Friday at noon.

Mitzvah Day helps

Temple Emanuel of Andover is once again sponsoring Mitzvah Day, a day in which members of the congregation work together to serve those in need. The event will be held throughout the day on Sunday, May 4.

A variety of projects have been planned for children, teens and adults to do mitzvot, good deeds in the immediate community and beyond.

According to the congregation, "Temple members will be participating in Project Bread's Walk for Hunger, visiting nursing homes, cleaning up an AVIS trail, creating gifts for those less fortunate, and gathering items to donate to area shelters, to name a few."

For further information on the day's events, contact Temple Emanuel at 978-470-1356.

Animal shelter: 244 rabbits returned in 2002

With Easter and springtime here, many families may be thinking about bringing a rabbit home. The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Shelter at Nevins Farm in Methuen encourages families to consider such a decision carefully.

Families should be sure they're willing to offer the bunny "the lifetime of love and care he or she needs (as) some may live as long as 10 years," says the shelter.

In 2002, the shelter in Methuen took in 244 unwanted rabbits. The most common reason why small animals are given up is because a child loses interest in caring for their pet.

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Reenlisting during wartime

■ DOWD

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not get sent to Iraq now that the major fighting is finished, but he may get called up to fill in for troops in Bosnia or Kosovo. "There are a lot of troops in Afghanistan," he says.

His experience gives him a unique insight into what life may be like for troops in Iraq now. "I can't even imagine the amount of 'on edge' they must be," he says. Dowd says that regular troops aren't used to having to worry that a woman could be a potential bomb. He says the US is probably sending in military police and security forces who know how to make check points.

In Iraq, Dowd was a common engineer, meaning, in part, that he blew things up. It was his job to dispose of left-behind Iraqi vehicles. He remembers the nightly missile-alert sirens and having to don protective chemical clothing in oppressive 95-degree heat. "(The chemical suits) aren't light, they're thick. They're insulated with charcoal. There's a rubber hood on the masks," he says.

COURTESY PHOTO

Dowd (right) served during the first Gulf War in Iraq.

A staff sergeant in Dowd's unit was blown up in a booby-trapped Iraqi bunker. "I was eating my lunch when I heard the explosion," he says. The sergeant had wandered off to collect souvenirs.

Once, an Iraqi man approached his unit on horseback, and his commanding officer was concerned because he saw something in the man's hand. Dowd is glad the officer kept his cool, because the man was holding a riding crop. "I had my gun trained right on him," he says. If his officer had given the order, his unit would have gunned him down.

Dowd lives out of town to save money now, but he's still an Andover guy at heart. His world vision has broadened since he left for war. He says when he became a cop five years ago he had to learn about areas in town he had never been to. "It becomes a big town when you get in a cruiser," he says.

Dowd says he wouldn't be an officer in another town because he wouldn't feel the personal investment. He also says it is fun because he sees people he knows. "Sometimes I pull over classmates," he says.

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, April 9 – At 7:38 a.m., Kevin Allman, 25, of 180 Andover St., apartment 9, was arrested on Dascomb Road and charged with driving with a suspended license.

Friday, April 11 – At 1:55 p.m., John Simmonds, 29, of 6 Leonix Street, Lawrence, was arrested on Railroad Street and charged with being a fugitive from justice on a court warrant.

At 4:23 p.m., Rafael Santos, 23, of Colonial Drive was arrested at the police station, and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

Saturday, April 12 – At 9:12 p.m., Richard Bassett, 36, of 24 Boyd St., Lawrence, was arrested on North Main Street on a warrant charge for assault and battery with a deadly weapon.

At 9:27 p.m., Ricky Dana, Jr., 25, of 29 Portland Ave., Old Orchard Beach, Maine, was arrested and charged with driving without a license.

Sunday, April 13 – At 1:17 a.m., David Morin, 23, of 41 Balmoral St., was arrested on Park Street, and charged with disorderly conduct after calls from a pay phone in the Park Street Pub.

Tuesday, April 15 – At 10:57 p.m., George Nickerson 42, of 229 18th St., Dracut, was arrested on Haggetts Pond Road, and charged with open and gross lewdness. A woman and her daughter spotted him "lurking in the woods" according to police Lt. Phil Froburg. He tried to hide by lying face down in the leaves, said Froburg. He was later found by police who gave the him a dressing down and cuffed him. Police said Knickerson told them he likes to run in the nude, but only does it when he thinks no one will see him.

BREAKS

Friday, April 11 – At 12:57 p.m. a Whittier Street man reported a break and entry to his house. The screens were ripped and the lock on the garage was broken.

Sunday, April 13 – At 8:58 a.m., a church volunteer reported a church shed broken into on South Main Street. An officer reported nothing stolen.

At 12:20 p.m., there was a report of a break-in in the chapel at the cemetery on Reservation Road.

THEFTS

Wednesday, April 9 – At 4:14 p.m., an ATM card was reported stolen on North Street.

At 5:12 p.m., a woman reported a blue Dodge Caravan stolen from Memorial Circle. The next day, she reported that it was found, and had not been stolen.

Thursday, April 10 – At 10:31 a.m. a man on Summer Street reported that mail had been stolen from his mailbox.

Friday, April 11 – At 1:36 p.m., a Colonial Drive resident reported her mail stolen on April 10.

At 6:56 p.m., a laptop was reported stolen from a car at the Wyndham Hotel.

Tuesday, April 15 – At 6:20 p.m., a resident reported her daughter's car broken into while at Andover High School.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, April 9 – At 2:12 a.m., a Chandler Road resident woke up when a brick was thrown through her window. She heard a car speed away, but couldn't see it.

Thursday, April 10 – At 5:38 p.m., a plant and facilities worker reported two youths. One was wearing a suit coat and a Halloween mask and pointing a silver pistol at cars. An officer reported it was a BB gun.

ACCIDENTS

Friday, April 11 – At 3:19 p.m., criminal applications for drag racing, operating to endanger and speeding were issued to two drivers after an accident on Dawn Circle. No one was reported hurt.

At 4:45 p.m., a car crashed into a tree on High Plain Road. The driver was taken to the hospital.

Sunday, April 13 – At 12:23, state police reported a car accident on Route 125 with personal injury.

Sunday, April 14 – At 9:10 p.m., a man fled on foot after getting into a car accident on Interstate-495 South. He was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and sneakers.

–Compiled by Ben Hellman

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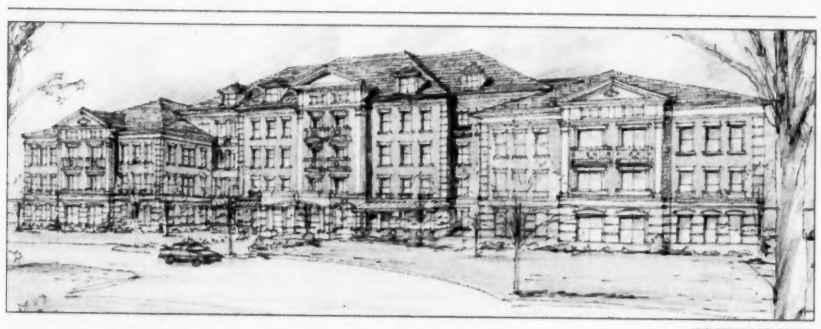

ARCHITECT'S RENDERING

An image of what the Avalon Bay development would look like.

Town Meeting preview

PAZ article tries to block 40B plan

■ AVALON BAY

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back to one building and 115 units during nonbinding mediations between the town and the developer. PAZ was there for the mediations, but objected to the new proposal, as well.

Town Counsel Thomas J. Urbelis said Avalon Bay has already put down a nonrefundable $230,000 for sewer hook up with Tewskbury. He says it claims to have paid other expenses, but he hasn't seen them

"My opinion is that if it's rescinded the town would face substantial problems," he said, adding his opinion is limited to the circumstances of this particular situation.

"It's about PAZ trying to pull this town back into this dispute. The town should not let PAZ do that," said Kevin O'Flaherty, lawyer for Avalon Bay.

O'Flaherty said the article is asking the town to walk away from its agreements.

"It's illegal, what PAZ is asking the town to do," he said. "There is a fundamental issue of fairness and a fundamental issue of due process.

"I don't think the Town Meeting intent is relevant," O'Flaherty said.

"Approval of this article would be unjust and subject the town to costs," said Selectman John Hess.

Hess said he was on the board during the Avalon discussions. "I felt like we, the Board of Selectmen, were held hostage," said Hess. "We were held hostage to the fact that that was the only way we were going to get reduced units."

"I agree that we have a democracy, that we have laws," Hess said, before making a motion to recommend disapproval of the PAZ article.

"It's with reluctance," said Selectman Mary Lyman about her vote.

Lyman added she didn't like the way O'Flaherty spoke about the situation or the people involved.

"This is their neighborhood. This is their cause," she said.

No one from PAZ attended the selectmen meeting. Madeline St. Amand, a member of PAZ, said the group was not aware Avon Bay would be there or that this topic would be discussed.

St. Amand said she doesn't know if the article will pass or not, but said it is still going to Town Meeting, even without the selectmen's support. She also said PAZ didn't expect the selectman to support it.

"We feel the selectmen were taken advantage of," said St. Amand. "They say they'll learn from their mistakes, meanwhile Andover has this inappropriate development."

According to her, the Avalon Bay development has come with many misrepresentations and pushed forward in a deceptive manner. "There's a lot of principle involved and a certain element of justice," she said.

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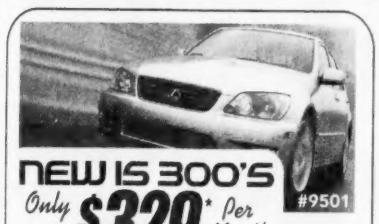

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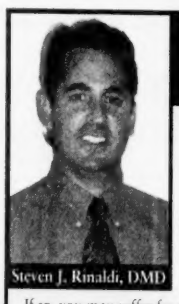

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ADVANCED AESTHETICS

A sweeping new approach for Andover streets

To save money, town will use half the number of street sweepers this year; will not alter parking in downtown

By Andrea Gregory

Andover will use fewer street sweepers this year to save money. Though the change means it will take longer for all streets to be cleaned, the town is adopting a new approach that should help the town sweep more streets each week than expected.

Because the town will avoid paying overtime and will not hire street-sweeping contractors – reducing the number of sweeping vehicles on Andover roads from four to two – Department of Public Works Director Jack Petkus claims $20,000 will be saved.

Though the town will see fewer sweepers, Petkus says Andover has a plan to get 48 hours per week out of each sweeper without having to put up the cost of eight hours overtime. Through negotiations with union workers, instead of the sweeper operators working five eight-hour shifts each week, they will work four ten-hour shifts, he says.

"Thursday he's done, he goes home," says Petkus leaving the machines available for other employees to use on Friday.

"We put someone else on it," on Fridays, Petkus says. He says an equipment operator who otherwise would be working on snow damage repairs or pot holes will take over the Friday street-sweeping shift.

Petkus says this will prevent the need to pay eight hours overtime, while still providing 48 hours of street sweeping per week per machine. While Fridays are set to be a day off for the regular sweeping crew, it won't be a day off for the machines.

FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Andover will not hire private street sweepers as it has in previous years.

Starting time remains

Petkus had mentioned the possibility of pushing the early morning start time to 7 a.m., and installing no-parking signs downtown to make sure the streets would be clear during certain times, as a way to save money. But it now appears that idea has been scrapped. He says local businesses weren't happy with the idea.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski says he received a letter from the Andover Chamber of Commerce on March 10 opposing the possibility of changing the time and putting up no parking signs.

"Even before we got to implement it we were getting letters opposing it," Petkus says. "The merchants don't want the signs saying 'no parking.'"

"It was the chamber reacting to (Petkus') brainstorming," says Stapczynski.

According to Petkus, street sweeping will continue to start at 5 a.m.

"5 to 7 a.m. is so important because the sweeper can be out there when there's very little traffic on the roads and very little parked cars," says Petkus. "We get out there early, or forget about it."

Frequency

Petkus says the downtown streets are swept "at least once a week, sometimes twice," because of the more substantial downtown traffic. Other areas of town usually get cleaned twice a season. "The downtown streets tend to get dirtier quicker," he says.

Petkus hopes the new 48-hour-per-week street-sweeping plan will have all Andover streets cleaned sooner in the season that originally thought. He figures the sweeping will be done by the end of July, but he could not offer any more timeframe specifics. "We'll find out when we get there," he says.

Town Meeting: conversion article to be pulled

■ CONVERSION

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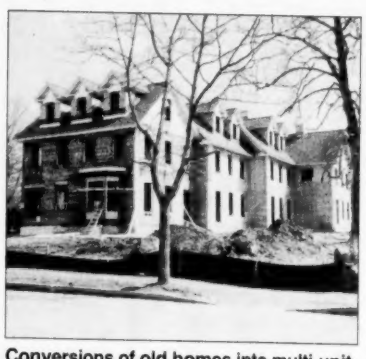
posed changes to conversion bylaws mapped out in Article 49.

Residents voiced their concerns and Abigail O'Hara purposed a number of possible amendments for the committee to consider on April 7. But O'Hara said there were also other flaws in the article, offering possible loopholes that needed to be addressed for some residents to feel comfortable voting for the changes at Town Meeting.

After reviewing the suggested amendments presented by O'Hara on behalf of several downtown residents, the Housing Partnership Committee decided to invest more time into the preparation of their conversion article before it hits Town Meeting. The committee has agreed to spend another year working out the details, hopefully with involvement from concerned residents who may have otherwise voted it down.

Joan Duff, chairwoman of the Housing Partnership Committee, said she would love to see someone from the neighborhood come join them. O'Hara has said that is something she would be willing to do.

"We were trying to get something in there that would have affordable housing and protect the neighborhood," O'Hara said. "We're pleased that they're responding to the concerns of the neighbors."



Conversions of old homes into multi-unit housing, such as this one on Summer Street, are becoming more popular.

O'Hara would like to see a revised bylaw change install a cap on the number of units that can be created during an expansion of an existing structure, create size requirement for the affordable units and offer clear direction as to where parking spaces could be created.

The conversion article was broken down into two parts, one for converting in an existing structure and another for expanding on an existing structure, which is currently not allowed.

The proposed regulations around expanding were meant to encourage affordable housing. They would have required 15 percent of the units be affordable if a developer was expanding on an existing structure. Any such conversion would have been required developers to offer at least one affordable unit. Conversions done completely inside existing houses would not have been obliged to provide any affordable housing units.

Members from both parties said they are willing to start working on next year's proposal in the weeks following this year's Town Meeting.

"There was a nice, healthy dialogue between the Housing Partnership Committee, staff and the residents of downtown," said Planning Director Steve Colyer. "I think the key is to get votes on board early instead of waiting until the eleventh hour."

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'Saddam Glee Club' tries not to let name-callers affect them

■ **PROTESTERS**

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also added this week.

"People are very worried about the Bush agenda," she says.

Backman hasn't been holding a sign, but says she has been putting thought into making one of her own. She says she wants to make a sign saying "Let this be the last war ever."

Backman admits not everyone who drives by is pleased to see the protesters. She says the insults are minimal and she doesn't let them get to her. Occasionally the protesters see obscene gestures or deal with people yelling at them from car windows. Backman says someone in town called them "the Saddam Hussein Glee Club."

"Ignoring us or actively thanking us," Backman says is the approach most people take to their presence. "The majority of the responses we get are beeps and waves and thumbs up."

Lou Bernieri, a teacher at Philips Academy, has also been a part of the anti-war movement in front of Old Town Hall since day one. He says the anger levels of those who oppose the protesting has grown.

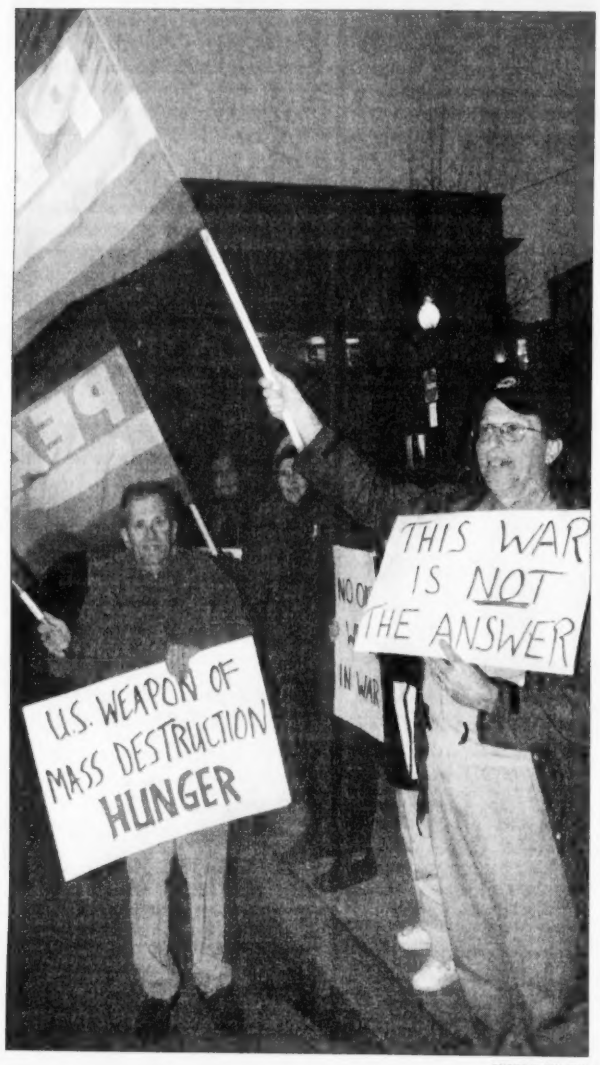
"The women won't stay out alone," he says, as a safety precaution.

According to Bernieri, there are still more positive responses than negative. He also says someone from the group has been out there every weekday between the hour of 7 and 8 p.m.

"Until the war ends we're going to do our best to be there," he says.

Bernieri says the end of the war doesn't mean the end of the peace movement for those who have been standing by candlelight, silently voicing their call for peace with homemade signs.

Bernieri and Backman both say they've formed a group that will continue to crusade for worthy causes, tackling, in peaceful ways, what they see as political injustices.



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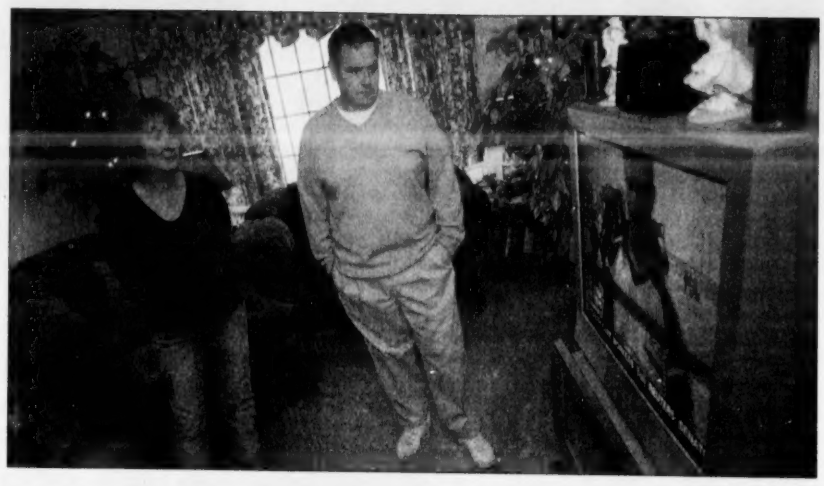
Henry Misserville (far left) and Don Abbott (right) were among those protesting on Monday America's involvement in Iraq. Protesters have gathered in front of Old Town Hall every weekday since the war began.



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The TV is always on in the Lynch household, so Connie and Joe Lynch can keep abreast of matters in Iraq, where their son, Chris, 34 is leading a platoon responsible for taking and securing airfields, among other assignments. For more on the Lynches, see page 10.

Coverage gives parents 24-7 access

■ **WAR PARENTS**

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Thanks to the constant reporting over the airways, the Lynches almost always know what the next threats will be. As the heavy fighting comes to a close, the Lynches' worries are turning more to suicide/homicide bombers, than to the risks of conventional warfare. But there are still times they do worry.

"You have to live your life as best you can, but it's really hard not to go to those dark places," says Connie Lynch.

Joe Lynch, a Vietnam veteran who was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart, says the coverage makes dealing with war easier for him, because he can see the military's plan.

"We have to stay positive here. Their mission is clearly defined, unlike in Vietnam," he says. "Knowing what he's up against, I'm not concerned about the odds anymore, but about the unknown."

While Connie is currently at home, and keeps one ear to the TV, Joe Lynch gets a break from the tube when he goes to work as the manager of a Lynn transfer station that processes 1,000 tons of solid waste daily. His break? He listens to the news on the radio all day.

The Lynches also rely on reporting they can read online. A reporter is embedded with their son's unit and her reports can be read online. Either relief or anxiety can result from the reports – or from the lack of them.

Chris Lynch

"Sometimes she is too quiet and my mind starts going. I have reasons for concern," admits Connie Lynch, who as a military wife for 23 years helped dozens and dozens of other wives handle the stress of having a husband on active duty. Now, however, with all the information available, it's a whole new world for military families.

"I couldn't name two places when (Joe) was in Vietnam. You tuned in once a week," she says. "I know every little village in Iraq. It's almost overload."

She knows it can be unhealthy to spend too much time watching the coverage.

What is healthy, however, is sending care packages to Chris Lynch and his troops, which Joe and Connie Lynch do regularly. Remembering the value of magazines from his time in Vietnam, Joe Lynch sends his son everything he gets his hands on.

"I'm sending him boating magazines because I know there must be someone there with that interest," says Joe Lynch, who then laughs. "I just send him everything."

Letters from the front have been slow to come to families, but because of the TV coverage the Lynches have been able to see their son or his unit on TV twice so far. Recently, they saw a report on negotiations with local leaders and saw Chris Lynch' commander and others sitting down to a big meal. They knew Chris had to be there too. The first time they saw him was before the war started, when Chris Lynch's unit was training in urban warfare in Kuwait.

"We could see him. They talked to him. He had all his troops and they were going in, (practicing) taking houses," said Joe Lynch.

The Lynches have a "Chris light," an electric light that will burn in their window until Chris comes home. (The light is called that because the mother who invented it had a son named Chris.) They also have a Blue Star on their door, signifying that they have a son on active duty. And, like the other parents of soldiers in Iraq, they have constant media reports to keep them informed of what's going on in Iraq.

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Landscaper hopes to cut down ZBA decision

Neighbor calls appeal to Superior Court a delay tactic to keep business going

By Meir Rinde

Neighbors thought they had seen the last of Ralph Hancock when the Zoning Board of Appeals ordered him to shut down his Boston Road landscaping business two months ago.

But the feud between Hancock and residents who say he should not run his business from a residence has begun anew.

The landscaper has appealed the decision to state Superior Court. Sometime in the next three months a judge will assign a court date.

"I didn't feel like I got a fair shake," said Hancock, a Haverhill resident whose mother lives at the property at 28 Boston Road. "We'll let the judge make the decision."

Hancock, a former Andover resident, said he ran his landscaping and snow-plowing business from the home for 20 years without complaints from neighbors – until last year.

He plans to plead hardship, asking the court to grant him a variance from town zoning restrictions because of his long presence and his service to the town, he said.

Hancock plows roads for the town every winter and is mailed a paycheck at the Boston Road address, indicating tacit approval for the business, he has argued.

But Peter Spollett, a member of a group of neighbors who brought the business to the town's attention last fall, described the legal appeal as a delaying tactic designed to allow Hancock to continue operating.

"It's due process and he has a right to appeal," Spollett said. "He'll probably be there for a couple years, if we don't think of something."

"We're getting screwed," he added. "You've got a guy who's not a resident, he's not paying taxes, he's running an illegal business, and he's getting paid by the town to do work for them."

Spollett's group of 15 households will probably hire a lawyer to fight the appeal, he said. Town Counsel Thomas Urbelis took over the case from the Zoning Board after Hancock filed suit, zoning board member Pamela H. Mitchell said.

Neighbors have complained to the town for years that Hancock's employees park as many as four or five trucks on or near the property, Spollett said. The road has no sidewalks, and parked trucks sometimes make it impossible for pedestrians and delivery vehicles to pass, he said.

When the business was smaller neighbors did not mind its presence as much, they have said.

But Hancock now uses large diesel trucks that fill the air with fumes, damage neighbors' property and endanger children walking to and from their school bus stop, Spollet charged.

At a board hearing in February, Hancock and his lawyer argued that landscaping trucks only idle at the Boston Road property at the beginning and end of the day, and when he serves clients in the neighborhood.

Town zoning laws ban most businesses in residential districts. To win a variance, an applicant must show that some aspect of a property makes it difficult to conform to building and zoning requirements, zoning board associate member Nancy K. Jeton said.

Hancock said yesterday he has purchased commercial property in Andover so he can relocate the business, but intends to continue operating out of Boston Road for the immediate future.

"I'm going to eventually get out of there," he said. "I just need some time."

He declined to say where the new property is located.

Andover kin fear for man with rare disease

By Andrea Gregory

Harold and Helen Little have a two-hour drive to visit their adult son Matthew "Mickey" Soucie Sr. in a Maine hospital. But the trip doesn't keep them, or their daughter Carol Guidry, another town resident, from making the trip.

"He's fighting his own little war. I couldn't do it," say Guidry, one of Soucie's eight siblings.

Soucie lies in a hospital bed with a rare disease known as Guillain-Barre Syndrome at the Maine Medical Center in Portland.

When a patient has Guillain-Barre Syndrome, his body's immune system attacks from inside, causing damage to the nervous system. In severe cases like Soucie's the patient is almost completely paralyzed and hooked up to life support. On Jan. 13, Soucie was diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome. While there is no cure, full recovery is possible. Soucie's recovery could be months or even years away.

Soucie was living in Wells, Maine with his wife, Jane, when he fell victim to the disease. His two children, Matthew Jr. and Luke, also live in Maine along with his grandson, Ashton. The rest of his family, scattered throughout New England, strives to make weekly visits.

Guidry says the family thought her brother had the flu around Christmas, and they now believe that was the start of his disease.

"It took right over him. He looks like he's a young child now," says Guidry. "He can't move. Whatever he has to do, someone has to do for him."

She says it's emotional to see the brother she nicknamed "lumberjack" in his current condition. She says the disease is painful and frustrating.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

"Mickey" Soucie Sr. sits in a Maine hospital with Guillain-Barre Syndrome.

"It's hard to understand him. Sometimes it's clear and sometimes it's not. It's just so hard to see him like that," she says.

Guidry says her brother has a long rehabilitation process to go through and the family is doing its best to keep up his spirits. She says last week he went outside for the first time since his hospitalization began.

"It was so nice to see that smile," she says.

Guidry says another of her brothers, Clayton Soucie, has always known just what to do when it came to Mickey Soucie, and he still does even in times like these.

"They have a bond that goes way back," she says. "In times like this it's so sweet it almost makes me cry when I see them together."

Clayton Soucie brought a fishing pole to the hospital on one of his recent visits. Guidry says the two of them love the outdoors. "They're making plans now to go hunting and fishing, believe it or not," she says.

Clayton Soucie, also a Lawrence police officer, has vivid memories of his brother always being active and full of life. According to him the two of them having been fishing partners since childhood.

"He's just got to have something to look forward to," he says. "Even if I have to cast the rod for him."

Tammy Davis, another sister in the family, says their visits always end up lasting longer than planned. "Forty-five-minute stays turn into five hours," she says.

She describes the experience of watching a loved one struggle with Guillain-Barre Syndrome as devastating and says she can't believe this is happening to her brother.

"It's been a lot of stress," Davis says. "We're all very close to him."

Doctors can't answer all of the family's questions because every case of this disease is different. Davis says her brother's doctor have told the family the longer he is sick the slimmer his chances are for a full recovery. She does know her brother's case is severe.

"It's waiting it out and hoping he does recover from it," she says.

Davis says she believes her brother's medical benefits will be running out in May. Their sister Lisa Smith has set up a fund to help with the cost of his medical care. Donations can be made at any Citizen's Bank to the Matthew A. Soucie Sr. Rehabilitation Fund. The account number is 3307172834.

Safety belt effort

Andover police are stepping up enforcement of traffic laws, and, in particular, safety belt use, with assistance from a $12,600 grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau's (GHSB) Click It or Ticket Campaign. The grant provides funds for increased traffic patrols, traffic-safety equipment, and safety belt education activities to be conducted through September.

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Education

When ideas become the destination

Destination Imagination contestants overcome redistricting, cow voodoo and other problems

By Ben Hellman

Coach and Doherty mom Sharon Mason doesn't know where her team comes up with its ideas. In response to a theater-oriented challenge in the creative problem-solving competition, Destination Imagination, her son Brian and his teammates created a skit called "Cow in the City."

The skit involved a cow that ends up in New York City. Responding to a set of requirements they incorporated singing, a multilingual version of a Hamlet soliloquy, and a rendition of "Hot Cross Buns" played on glasses of water. The play was disrupted when an imaginary friend attacked the cow in the city, but one of the cows employed voodoo to save the show.

Destination Imagination, or DI, is on the rise in Andover, says DI regional director and Andover parent Sherry Gordon-Shulik.

This year five Andover teams made it to the state level of competition, including an Andover High School team, two teams from Doherty, one team from Wood Hill and a team from Sanborn.

A team from Shawsheen was also awarded high honors for creativity.

"As adults you say (to the kids) you're making leaps that my brain stopped making a while ago," said Mason.

Doherty student Alexandra Hsu was on the other Doherty team. Her group played dolls from around the world. She says that DI challenges her in a way that school work and other parts of her life do not.

"With homework there's a right answer, (in DI) there are loose guidelines. You can just go," she said.

Mom Stephanie Maze-Hsu said DI engenders a team spirit that other activities do not. Many of the Andover teams have been together for several years.

Teams of students who were separated by the schools redistricting also managed to stay together.

Maze-Hsu said when the Wood Hill team, which went to globals last year, didn't make it past regionals this year, Wood Hill team member and sixth-grader Sarah Christ came over to congratulate Stephanie and her team, which had not made it to states before.

Student Sam Weis was also on the Wood Hill team that made globals last year. "We had a lot of fun with this one," he said. They were separated by the redistricting and don't go to school together anymore, but they got together for pizza a week ago.

Sam touted the Shawsheen first and second-graders who were awarded with a DI high honor, the Da Vinci award. The Shawsheen team had to write a skit where something of value was lost. They chose to be characters from a museum painting that lost its colors after being cursed by a wizard.

"I thought that was amazing," Sam said.

Gordon-Shulik said every year more kids want to participate than there are parents to coach. She began as a coach herself and had a positive experience. It taught her that her son, who is dyslexic, could accomplish anything.

"I learned more than he did – lay off the kid," she said.

This year, 25 Andover teams participated in the competition, up from 19 teams last year. Students from public, private and the home-schooled network participated in the event in all three grade levels.

The regional competition, which was held at Andover High School, hosted 88 teams from 13 area towns.

Two teams from Doherty Middle School made it to Destination Imagination's state level of competition.

◀ At the regional Destination Imagination tournament at Andover High School, Shawsheen School's team, consisting of kindergarten through grade 2 students, presented a skit to a group of five judges. The presentation of their solution was judged to be so creative, they received one of the highest awards – the DaVinci Award for Outstanding Creativity. The team included Nikhil Chopra, Rachel Christ, Gregory and Jeffrey Dreyfus, Maddie Flynn, Christine Gencorelli, Emma Gyorgy, Emily and Madeline Hunt, and Sam Kefferstan.

The working world pays a visit to West Middle students on Career Day

◀ From left are United Parcel Service driver supervisor Doug Perry; Barbara Dowd, UPS human resources rep; and students Kathlynne Bunick, Michelle Holbrook, Jon Crush and Megan Hale.

At right are Dick Kelley, Boston College assistant sports director, with Matt Puntoni, Kevin Calabro, Kevin Twomey, Ian Dempsey and Danny Taylor. ▶

West Middle School held its annual 8th-Grade Career Day on April 3. The school recruits Career Day participants from a variety of occupations each year. Many of the participants are parent volunteers, local business people and Andover alumni, who enjoy giving back to the school. This event brought back a lot of memories of the participants' middle school days, organizers said.

The students were able to meet with individuals from a number of professions, including: Sales, Law Enforcement, Telecommunications, Package Delivery Services, Media, and Town Officials, to name a few. The students gained a better understanding of the various career opportunities available to them and they left inspired by their experience. It was described as "a fun, educational, and rewarding day for all." Participants included:

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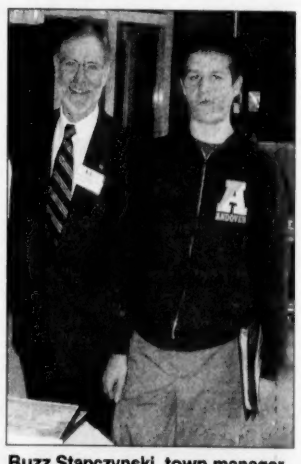

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Students, parents invited to Phillips Academy College Fair

Phillips Academy will host its annual College Fair from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, April 28, in the Case Memorial Cage, Main Street and Highland Road.

Area students and parents are invited to attend and meet representatives of 150 colleges and universities located throughout the United States and world.

Massachusetts colleges and universities represented at the fair will include Amherst, Babson, Boston University, Brandeis, Emerson, Harvard, Holy Cross, UMass Amherst, UMass Lowell, MIT, Simmons, Smith, Tufts, Wellesley, Wheaton and Worcester Polytech.

International schools will include the University of Aberdeen and Edinburgh in Scotland; American University in Paris; Bishop's University, McGill, Queen's and University of Toronto in Canada; and Warwick University in England. The US Air Force and Naval academies will be present, as well as leading colleges from all areas of the country.

A complete list of 2003 College Fair participants is available on the Phillips Web site at www.andover.edu/news/college_fair.htm.

For more information, contact the College Counseling Office at 978-749-4150; or college-counseling@andover.edu.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Joseph Malarney, a freshman of Andover, was named to the Brooks School honor roll for the fall term. He was inadvertently left off the list supplied by the school and published in the *Townsman*. To be named to the honor roll, students must maintain an average of 85 or above for the semester.

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In the recently published honor roll that was supplied by Wood Hill Middle School, eighth-grader **Christopher Adams** was listed with the wrong "honors" designation.

The school should have listed him under "high honors."

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Fenn School of Concord, Mass. announced its honor roll for the second term. **Andrew S. Richardson** of Andover received academic high honors.

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The following Andover students were named to the honor roll at Tabor Academy on Buzzards Bay in Marion for the first semester of the 2002-03 academic year.

Honors – Class of 2003: **Adam Akerman**; **Allison Crabtree**. Class of 2006: **Jamie Prudden**.

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Opinion

How do you spell support?

HALF-WAY THROUGH THE SPELLING BEE run by the Andover Fund for Education on Saturday, the bee was stopped and a "spirit parade" was held. Children carrying props and adults dressed in costumes marched around Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School to show their spirit for their teams.

The parade was unnecessary, however, because the whole event was about spirit – community spirit. More than 100 people donated money to take part in the fund-raising spelling bee, as a way to supplement the programs already going on in the schools.

The spirit at the bee is always obvious. Many contestants wear costumes. Teams come with loud cheering sections of kids. Everyone gives up their Saturday night. It's a tribute to the commitment of the regular parents, teachers, administrators, residents and workers in Andover that so many show up each year, in the good economic times and the bad, simply because they know the program is one that helps the schools.

Kudos to the AFE and its supporters, who in small ways help to enrich our kids year after year.

AT LONG LAST, SLIDING INTO SPRING

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Lena Bootman (left) and Anielle Iwanicki enjoyed sliding down at Penguin Park on Monday, as outdoor temperatures climbed.

Web question

Sewer agreement for 115-unit Avalon Bay: Is it worth a fight?

Last week's *Townsman* Web-site question was: How responsible should the town be for damage done by snow plow trucks? Right now the town is covering the cost of replacing and repairing mailboxes and sprinkler heads, along with patching up lawns and taking care of curbside damage. Who should be paying for these repairs?

42 people voted.

• 13, or 31 percent, said "It's like the old expression goes, you break it you buy it. The town should be covering all these costs."

• 13, or 31 percent, said "The town should do limited repairs, based on the severity of damage. This was a brutal winter, and some problems are unavoidable."

• 8, or 19 percent, said "Mailbox replacement only. Residents should expect some damage to their lawn. The snow must go somewhere."

• 8, or 19 percent, said "Residents should pick up the tab for all these things."

This week's question is: **The selectmen voted to recommend disapproval of Town Meeting warrant Article 41, a private article submitted by PAZ. The article would rescind a 1997 Town Meeting decision that gave authorization to the selectmen and town manager to enter into a sewer agreement with Lowell and Tewksbury. Its goal is to stop the 115-unit Avalon Bay development from coming to River Road. Town council warned the selectmen prior to their vote of the legal obligation they have to Avalon Bay. How do you feel about Article 41 and the situation with the town?**

• I'm for the article. The housing development would be inappropriate.

• The intentions of Town Meeting voters were to provide service to the nuns of St. Clare on River Road. Now that Avalon Bay is looking to cash in on the deal, I am glad voters will have the chance to vote on this issue.

• Even though I'm not happy with Avalon Ba,y I don't want to see more tax money go to lawyer's fees. I don't think it's a battle worth fighting and it's one we probably wouldn't win.

• I see nothing wrong with the Avalon Bay development coming to Andover. More than 100 new families will get the chance to live in this town. This issue is about nothing more than people who don't like to see change.

To cast a vote, surf to www.andovertownsman.com.

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LETTERS

Article 45: Much more than in-law apartments

Editor, *Townsman:*

I have researched Article 45, which is being proposed and submitted by the Planning Board and the Andover Housing Partnership Committee at the upcoming Town Meeting. I have found this article goes well beyond the common perception in town that this proposal deals only with converting existing or future in-law apartments to rental housing.

In fact, a plain and careful reading of the proposed article indicates that, in addition to in-law apartment conversions, any owner-occupied single-family dwelling may be modified to add a rental apartment pursuant to the requirements of Article 45. Article 45 intends to increase the number of small dwelling units for rent available in town. Furthermore, the apartment to be added can be two bedrooms, as large as 1000 square feet, and can be rented immediately to any party. The apartment does not have to be rented to a family member or relative.

This article applies to any owner-occupied single-family home on any street, in any neighborhood, anywhere in Andover. This article also applies to new construction of owner-occupied single-family homes, and to knock-down properties rebuilt as new construction.

In addition, the Planning Board has indicated that if Article 45 passes, it intends to grant an amnesty/grace period to owners of illegal apartments (Andover Townsman, March 20). During this period, an owner of an illegal apartment would be able to come forward and apply for a special permit under Article 45 without penalty.

I am opposed to Article 45's passage, as it will allow rental apartments to be added to single-family homes in single-family neighborhoods. I believe that Article 45, over time, will radically change single-family housing as we know it today in the town of Andover.

Paul Cavicchi
24 Wild Rose Drive

About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall started the file two years ago and sent it to 10 people. Today it is sent to more than 10,000.

The Web site for his creation is www.hudsonvanloo.ca and it suggests books to read and offers quotations such as the ones on this page.

A family of former strangers

Neil Fater

Elizabeth Freidberg couldn't have asked for a better family to enlist in her military-families network than the Lynches of Laconia Drive.

Freidberg started the network as a way to link families who have a spouse or child on active duty and might benefit from having someone in a similar situation from whom they could seek practical or emotional assistance. Joe and Connie Lynches were one of the first couples to call earlier this month, and with them, Freidberg and other young military spouses have hit the jackpot.

If a young military spouse needs someone to talk to about dealing with having their spouse off at war, or raising a family alone for a time, they can talk to Connie. She worried about her husband while he saw action – and earned the Purple Heart – in Vietnam when they were still teenagers.

If someone wants to know what a soldier – either involved in the fighting or on active duty outside Iraq – is experiencing, they can talk to Joe, who spent 23 years in the military in a variety of capacities.

And if anyone needs a parent of a man serving in Iraq, they can talk to either of them. Three of their four boys served in the military, and their son Chris is a platoon sergeant in Iraq right now.

But the Lynches are getting something from the network too. Despite spending decades in the military, they didn't know anyone in Andover who had a child currently serving until the heard of the network.

Through the network, they've also found someone perfect for them – Freidberg herself. She reminded them of their daughter-in-law Cindy who is "going through the same thing Elizabeth will," raising a young child while her husband is on active durty. Helping Freidberg, is like helping Cindy.

"That story touched us. We have a daughter-in-law in that situation at Fort Bragg," says Connie. "You can only do so much from here."

"We can't reach out to our daughter-in-law because she's 800 miles away," says Joe.

"Nobody really understands what she's going through. That was really what prompted Joe to call. We have a lot of experience," says Connie.

Connie is used to taking young military wives under her wing. When Joe was a platoon sergeant, like his son is now, she has 40 men's families to worry about.

"We'd have girls new to the military. They didn't even know how to write a check and their husband had gone out in the field for 30 days," shesays. So she taught them the ropes.

"That's what the military is all about. There's a strong sense of taking care of one another," says Connie.

That sense certainly infected Joe. When he talks about his son, he ends up expressing his concern for the guys under his son's command who may be seeing action for the first time. In fact, he talks more about them than his son. Why?

"Because it was drilled into me when I was a sergeant. You take care of your troops. You find out everything about them, what their needs are. Because if their needs are satisfied, then their head will be in the mission," says Joe.

Joe Lynch mails just about every magazine he gets to his son, because he remembers how much he himself valued reading material when he was in Vietnam.

And, because this sense of community was drilled into him, Joe also found himself picking up the phone to offer his knowledge to families like the Freidbergs.

The Lynchs can share their experience, telling young families, for instance, about how to get a check-up through the military. But they can also tell them that it's OK to eat out, or go see a movie without feeling guilty.

"Those are the things you have to do," says Connie. "You can't just stay home and curl up in a ball – even though you feel like doing that now and then."

Joe Lynch, a Silver Star awardee who was spit on when he returned, wounded, from Vietnam , is pleased with the support he sees the troops getting. "You can't turn the clock back. You can just do what you can for these guys," says Joe. "When a community cares, and just does little things for them, (it makes a difference)."

Andover residents including the Lynches seem to be making a difference with the military network.

Those who want to add their name to the military network list can call John Doherty, town veterans services agent, at 978-623-8218, or Neil Fater at 978-475-7000. Fater also can be reached by e-mail at nfater@andovertownsman.com.

Neil Fater is editor of the Andover Townsman.

THE THURSDAY FILE

Life is an ecstasy.
RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Tenderness and kindness are not signs of weakness and despair, but manifestations of strength and resolutions.
KAHLIL GIBRAN

All experience is an arch. To build upon.
HENRY ADAMS

In real life, unlike in Shakespeare, the sweetness of the rose depends upon the name it bears. Things are not only what they are. They are, in very important respects, what they seem to be.
HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

Every thought we think is creating our future.
LOUISE L. HAY

The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man.
GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

One laughs when joyous, sulks when angry, is at peace with the world when the stomach is satisfied.
HAWAIIAN PROVERB

A man dies as often as he loses his friends.
FRANCIS BACON

The Eleanor Roosevelt quotation:

One thing life has taught me: if you are interested, you never have to look for new interests. They come to you. When you are genuinely interested in one thing, it will always lead to something else.

Best quotation sent:

Over the years, the United States has sent many of its fine young men and women into great peril to fight for freedom beyond our borders. The only amount of land we have ever asked for in return is enough to bury those that did not return.
COLIN POWELL

LETTERS

Single-minded

Editor, *Townsman:*

I am writing to help bring attention to the negative ramifications Town Meeting private warrant Article 56 will have on my property and other neighboring properties if it is passed. Passing this article will rezone 173 High St. from a Single Resident zone to an Apartment zone.

It is important for townspeople to understand some facts about the land at 173 High St. and the surrounding neighborhood. A developer from Tewksbury, Highview LLC, had recently proposed to purchase 173 High St. This offer to purchase had been made pending needed zoning relief. This is all a matter of public record. The developer had submitted a proposal to the Zoning Board of Appeals stating its intention to purchase and build a 10-unit complex there. This developer's desire to build a multi-unit complex at 173 High St. is the real catalyst for this zoning-change request.

While it may be understandable that a developer would want zoning changes that favor the kind of development it believes is most profitable, and that the current owner is enticed an unexpected windfall profit, these reasons cannot be allowed to determine town zoning.

173 High St. has been in a Single Residence B (SRB) zone since the advent of town zoning. The current owners at 173 High St. have lived there in a single-family home for almost 10 years. Apparently it has served them well.

I have lived at 173R High St for seven years. My property is directly behind 173 High St. To enter or exit my property I have to use a shared driveway with 173. Before buying my property I went to Town Offices to verify zoning because I had concerns over the shared driveway. I was told that both my lot and 173 were in an SRB zone. I had no confusion over the zoning.

Directly across the street from 173 High St. are all single family homes in an SRC zone. The lot to the south is a single family in the SRB zone. The lot directly abutting 173 High St. on the north side is a single-family home, although that lot is in the Apartment zone. The dynamic of the surrounding neighborhood is that of single-family homes.

Allowing this zoning change would adversely affect the value of my property. This change would put me in an isolated zone behind a multi-unit complex. The change will adversely affect the value of all the surrounding single-family properties. The homes directly across the street will be particularly impacted. This is not a wide street and there is little space to serve as a buffer.

This change would adversely affect the normal flow of traffic on an already busy street. Pedestrian safety and the lack of sidewalks in the neighborhood is already a concern and this change would only add to the problem. This change will negatively impact existing open space in the neighborhood.

Voting for this change also will encourage developers with deep financial resources and a battery of lawyers to use this method to get zoning changes that favor them.

Town zoning is complex and has far-reaching and lasting ramifications. Zoning decisions require reflective and thoughtful consideration. The Andover Planning Board has already researched this proposed change and recommends against it. Selectmen have also given this thoughtful consideration and recommend against the change.

The current zoning of 173 High St. has served the neighborhood well for many years. Changing to an apartment zone will be disruptive to the neighborhood. Leaving it will cause no harm. Confusion and economic gain are not good enough reasons to change zoning.

Vote no on article 56.

George Montgomery
173R High St.

Bless troops, condemn war of choice, not necessity

Editor, *Townsman:*

While my support for our troops in Iraq will always be staunch and unwavering, the invasion and occupation of another sovereign nation that does not constitute an imminent threat must be condemned.

The conflict is both illegal and unjust. The president initiated hostilities as a matter of choice, not necessity. He directed our armed forces to invade and occupy a sovereign power that did not constitute an imminent threat, a country devastated by nearly 12 years of punishing United Nations economic sanctions, a country whose military forces were decimated during the first Gulf War in 1991. The military action in Iraq has contravened provisions of the UN charter and violated international law. The World Council of Churches and the Holy See at the Vatican have condemned the invasion and occupation of Iraq.

Saddam Hussein's brutality, predilection to suppressing political dissent, and desire for power through military might have long been recognized, accepted and used by the United States: witness our supplying Iraq with biological and chemical weapons, providing direct financial assistance, and giving Iraq access to US military intelligence during the 1980-1988 Iraq-Iran war. The US did nothing when Hussein used chemical weapons to suppress Kurdish tribesman in northern Iraq in 1988. It also did nothing in 1991 when political uprisings against Hussein, inspired in part by then President George Bush, were brutally suppressed by the Republican Guard using weapons and helicopters retained under the terms of surrender following the 1991 Gulf War. Belatedly, the US and Great Britain unilaterally established "no-fly" zones to protect the Kurdish and the Shi'ite enclaves.

The principles and values upon which our great nation was founded have been denigrated and cast aside by a small group of unelected and ideologically motivated individuals who advised the president to proceed with military action. The rule of law has, until now, been the bedrock principle guiding our government in its activities. The current administration has dismissed the UN as irrelevant, disregarded international law, ignored the pleadings of the World Council of Churches and the Vatican, and has declared, through executive fiat, that the US will unilaterally engage in military action when it alone perceives a future threat based on criteria it alone establishes and when another nation is perceived to be seeking parity with the US in military strength. In other words, all the bridges of international understanding and trust, initiated and built in large measure by the US during the past 60 years, are being thrown out and being replaced with the "Law of the Jungle."

As demonstrated in the first Gulf War, the US will also engage in military action if it perceives a threat to the security of proven petroleum reserves in the Middle East. Under a new foreign policy initiative, the US will also be willing to commit American military forces to further implement its "new world order" in the Middle East that includes preemptive military action with Syria and Iran in the foreseeable future.

The current administration chose to place Americans in harm's way to remove a dictator whose brutal methods had previously been condoned and supported, and to invade and occupy a country that did not constitute a threat to US security. The president's decision to invade and occupy Iraq was based on hypocrisy, commercial opportunism, and imperial adventurism at their worst.

Americans don't win much from this conflict. There is no credible evidence that our vulnerability to terrorist attacks or threats from weapons of mass destruction will be lessened. The Iraqi people, while being rid of a tyrant, will likely see several more years of civil, political and economic instability, staggering costs for reconstruction, and a continuing need for humanitarian support.

So who wins? I suggest looking to the US Department of Defense, the Pentagon's hand-picked oil companies, mega construction companies, international arms dealers and retired generals-turned-civil administrators for the answers.

John F. Zipeto
14 Canterbury St.

Judge made no plea for donations, simply explained lauded program

Editor, *Townsman:*

This letter is in response to Judy Wakefield's article in the *Townsman* April 10 on the Northern Essex County CASA Program. While we appreciate the *Townsman*'s coverage we must correct misinformation reported in the article.

Judge Jose Sanchez has never made "house calls" for CASA or participated in fundraising for the program in any way. He spoke at the cultivation event to increase awareness and public knowledge about CASA in Andover.

In his remarks he told about his role in Care & Protection cases in the juvenile court and the CASA volunteer's role of information gatherer and reporter for the best interest of a child. At no time in his speech did he make a "plea for donations." He asked for people's support in becoming CASA volunteers.

The hosts of the event, Lisa McDonald, Mary Beth Finn, and Kathleen Cook, issued invitations in which they suggested a $20 contribution for the program. Most people deposited their checks in a basket as they entered and before they listened to Judge Sanchez's remarks. Separate from the event committee, we invited several CASA volunteers, CASA staff and Judge Sanchez, making no mention of a donation.

To my knowledge, this CASA program has had no direct contact with the League of Women Voters. We have no knowledge of a phone call from Sen. Sue Tucker to the League and are sure she could not have told them "about Sanchez's house calls" since there have been no "house calls" either by Judge Sanchez or anyone else associated with the program.

The Northern Essex County CASA Program is trying to raise funds to replace lost state funding and our first major fundraiser is a walk-a-thon for Andover elementary school children on April 27 at the Andover High School Field House. Judge Sanchez will not be in attendance.

Kay Berthold Frishman,
CASA Executive Director
Connie Williamson,
CASA Coordinator

Former School Committee member

Schools taking weight of cuts because top officials don't communicate

Gerry Gustus

Lest people be mislead about the reasons for Andover's budget crisis, let's take a look at the real causes.

Andover schools are going to lose 50 FTEs (the full-time equivalent of a position). They are going to lose about 35 people in all, and more than 20 teachers. Those numbers are alarming, and there are three primary reasons why we are at this point

The foremost reason for the schools' distress is the town manager and the superintendent do not like each other and do not work together. The evidence to this is found in the circus of the proposed furloughs. Superintendent Claudia Bach announced them to the unions only hours before she announced them publicly. She assured the unions and School Committee she would go forward only if the town side had a similar plan for its nonessential (non-police and fire) personnel. That was on a Tuesday. The town manager's budget came out that Friday, with no hint of a furlough, which he quickly dismissed, with Finance Committee chairwoman Joanne Marden's agreement, that they were "unsustainable." At that point, Tom Meyers, teachers union president, saw he was being asked to accept a situation no one else was, so he declined the plan too. Bach then withdrew it. Then the fire chief ripped the superintendent, and now Christopher Smith has ripped Meyers. The only thing missing are the three rings and a calliope.

Wouldn't it have made more sense for Bach to call Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and say "what do you think of this idea?" He then could have said "I don't agree with that," and she would not have made the proposal. But that doesn't happen in Andover, and the students are suffering for it.

The second issue, one that has seen almost no coverage at all, is the incredible mismanagement of the health insurance premiums by the town manager. Town leadership would like us to believe "there was nothing we could have done,"but let's follow the money.

In FY01, Andover spent approximately $3.5 million in this account, and budgeted $3.7 million for FY02. In FY02, the town also put $1.3M in the compensation fund. This is a line in the budget that is used to fund upcoming contract settlements and other contractual perks that town contracts contain. In FY03, the town reported it spent $4 million in FY02 in health premiums, and so budgeted for $4.3M for FY03, which seems prudent, doesn't it? But the reality is that much more than $4 million was actually spent in FY02, which makes the $4.3M budget laughably low. Why do you suppose this occurred? Perhaps to give the illusion the town was "living within its means" while the schools pursued an override? It's the gamesmanship of the town manager who pursues the town-side interests single-mindedly, and has virtually no involvement with the schools at all. And the students are suffering for it.

Lastly, there is special education. A supplementary budget is passed annually to cover the overrun costs incurred the previous year. Wouldn't it make more sense to put that money in the school budget up front? The schools spend it anyway. That would at least give the schools a chance to develop programs that might keep down the costs of the out-of-district portion of special ed. But to do that would require collaboration between Stapczynski and Bach, and that *never happens*. Ever. And the students are suffering for it.

There is no reason the school budget should be what it is. On July 1, some 35 school people including more than 20 teachers, will lose their jobs. On the town side, I can come up with one part-time person that will happen to. There may be as many as three, it is hard to follow the town manager's recommended budget, but I suspect that there will be some minor reductions of hours, and no job losses.

The community should wonder why one department of the town is facing all the job actions. The reason is that our professional leadership is dysfunctional, and the 6,000 students, who depend upon the School Committee to be their voice, are suffering for it. Only one member, Dick Collins, knows and understands why he is on the board. The others are too new, unknowledgeable, or have lost their way, in a desperate effort to present the veil of "working collaboratively" for "what's best for Andover."

There is money in the town budget that could be allocated to the schools. It is in the mismanagement, and the complete unwillingness, to do business with our snow-removal contractors in a more efficient way. There is money in the automotive welfare program outlined by the *Townsman*, where a dozen department heads receive new Ford trucks (although some do select sedans) every few years, insured, gassed and repaired on the taxpayer's nickle. This entitlement program is not only not on the table, it is not even in the building for discussion. It stays, and the teachers go. There is money in assistant department heads and in the three town-side Management Information Systems heads. I hear we are "looking" at combining them, and it will take one to three years. Take the money away, and it will take one to three months.

It is not about the three boards "working collaboratively." It is about the unfairness of one department shouldering the burden of the entire town's financial crisis because two people will not work together.

Some say there is a financial crisis about, but if you work on the town side, you would be unaware of it. I will be inclined to support an override, because the schools so sorely need the money, but I will be reluctant to put it in the hands of our two leaders. They have failed us by their unwillingness to put aside their petty differences.

And the students are suffering for it.

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OBITUARIES

Martin J. Melia Jr.

Sales contract analyst at Tufts Health Plan

Martin J. Melia Jr., 39, of Andover, died Monday, April 7, in Boston.

He was a sales contract analyst at Tufts Health Plan in Waltham.

Mr. Melia was also a juris doctor candidate at Suffolk University Law School in Boston, where he was president of the Rehnquist Inn chapter of Phi Delta Phi, an international legal fraternity.

Born in Boston and raised in Andover, he graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover and Tufts University in Medford.

Members of his family include his parents, Dr. Martin J. Melia Sr. and Frances (Mahoney) Melia of Andover; sister, Mary Melia Lopez and her husband, Felix, of Coral Gables, Fla.; brothers, Edward G. Melia and his wife, Carlene, of Scituate, Michael T. Melia and his fiancee, Darcy Thomas, of Corte Madera, Calif., Sean P. Melia and his wife, Marcela, of Hollywood, Fla., and Timothy F. Melia of Andover; and six nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Edward G. Melia and Kathleen E. (Shannon) Melia of Andover, and Michael T. Mahoney and Jean A. (McNeil) Mahoney of Boston; and his beloved aunt Mary Frances (Melia) Middleton of Andover.

A funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, April 12, at St. Augustine Church in Andover, with burial in St. Augustine Cemetery in Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to Phi Delta Phi, Rehnquist Inn Chapter, c/o Suffolk University Law School, 120 Tremont St., Boston, MA 02108.

Arrangements were by the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, 35 Merrimack St., North Andover.

Nicholas E. Romito

Retired facility manager

Nicholas E. Romito, 67, formerly of Andover, died Wednesday, April 9, at Cape Cod hospital in West Dennis.

Born in Chicago, Ill., Mr. Romito lived in Andover before moving to Cape Cod. He was employed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a facility manager until his retirement.

Mr. Romito was the husband of the late Lois L. (Lordan) Romito and the son of the late Virgil and Marie (Schweitzer) Romito.

Members of his family include his children, Christopher L. Romito of Lanesboro, Nicole L. Diaz of Long Grove, Ill., R. Adam Romito of Medford, and Karen E. Olson of Natick; his brother, Virgil Romito of Pennsylvania; his sister, Lynette Davis of Virginia; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services and burial will be private. Arrangements were by the Joyce Funeral Home, Waltham.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

James G. Wilen

Senior engineer at Analogic

James G. Wilen, 68, of Haverhill died Wednesday, April 9 at home.

He was a senior engineer at Analogic in Peabody for many years.

Born in Two Harbors, Mich., he graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology with a bachelor of science degree in engineering. He lived in Andover for more than 20 years, and in Haverhill for the past two years.

Mr. Wilen served as a sergeant in the Air Force from 1955 to 1963.

He was a member of the New England Bible Church in Andover. He was also a member of the Andover Sportsman's Club and a lifetime member of the Institute of Electronics and Electrical Engineering.

Members of his family include his wife of 37 years, Virginia L. (Cleveland) Wilen; sons James G. Wilen Jr. of Haverhill and Jon Wilen of Saco, Maine; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 12 at the New England Bible Church, 60 Chandler Road, Andover.

Spring burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

Arrangements were by the Charles F. Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

Catherine C. Donovan

Worked as an executive secretary

Catherine C. (Callagy) Donovan, 86, died Sunday, April 13 at the Academy Nursing Home in Andover.

Born in Lawrence, she graduated from Saint Mary's High School and later from the MacIntosh Secretarial College in Lawrence.

She was an executive secretary at Steven Mills, a hearing aid company, and later at Raytheon.

She was a parishoner of Saint Michael's Church in North Andover for many years.

She was the widow of Cornelius J. Donovan. Members of her family include her daughter, Kathleen P. Garon and her husband, Joseph, of North Andover; sons, Michael C. and his wife, Louise Ann, of North Andover, Cornelius J. and his wife, Joyce, of Londonderry, N.H., and Thomas A. and his wife, Nancy, of North Carolina; brothers, Thomas Callagy of Florida, Gene Callagy of Florida, William Callagy of Lawrence, and Gerald Callagy of North Andover; sisters, Anna Normandy of Florida and Josephine Clifford of Rye Beach, N.H.; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was celebrated yesterday, Wednesday, April 16 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Saint Augustine Chapel, 128 Ames St., Lawrence, with burial following in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Lawrence.

Arrangements were by the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, 35 Merrimack St., North Andover.

Bruce E. Gilman

AHS grad was sales manager for Nassar Ford

Bruce E. Gilman, 53, of Methuen died Sunday, April 13 at Beth Israel/Deaconess Hospital, Boston.

Born in Lawrence, he attended St. Augustine Grammar School, Andover High School and also Centeral Catholic High School in Lawrence.

He worked for Nassar Ford in Lawrence as a sales manager.

Mr. Gilman served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

He was a formewr resident of Andover before moving to Methuen.

He was an attendant of St. Lucy's Church, Methuen and a member of the Allante Appreciation Group.

Members of his family include his wife, Carol (Valenti) Gilman of Methuen; mother, Irene (Bernard) Gilman of Methuen; sons, Justin and his wife, Rochelle, of Orlando, Fla., and Brandon of Palmbay, Fla.; brother, Brian of Methuen; sisters, Sharon Collins of Haverhill and Sandra Leland of North Andover; three grandchildren; a niece and several nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 1 Bromfield St., Suite 5, Boston, MA 02108.

A funeral Mass was celebrated yesterday, Wednesday, April 16 at St. Lucy's Church, Methuen, with burial to follow in the Maplewood Cemetery, Plaistow, N.H.

Arrangements were by the Pollard Funeral Home Inc., 233 Lawrence St., Methuen.

Morris Bradley Gray Sr.

Retired from Boston Gas Co.

Morris Bradley Gray Sr., 76, died Saturday, April 12 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born in Dennis on April 1, 1927, he worked for the Boston Gas Co. for 28 years until he retired in 1993.

He was a member of the Quarter Century Club at the Boston Gas Co.

He served in the Navy Seebees during World War II in the Pacific and Atlantic Theaters.

Widower of Elsie Lillian M. (Carlson) Gray, he leaves daughters Carolyn G. and her husband, James Redmond of Andover, Maureen G. Pellerin of Methuen, Brenda G. and her husband, Robert DiPasquale of Wilmington, and Nancy Gray of Somersworth, N.H.; sons, Morris B. Gray Jr. and his wife, Cathleen, of Salisbury and Dennis M. Gray and his wife, Karen Smith of Maynard; 12 grandchildren, including Matthew J. Redmond of Andover; brothers, Robert Gray of Taunton, Herbert Gray and H. Donald Gray, both of Middleboro; sisters Marjorie Marshall and Bertha Souza, both of Middleboro; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also the brother of the late Mary Scanlon of Middleboro.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701; or to the American Lung Association, Essex County Branch, 100 Cummings Center, Suite 323A, Beverly, MA 01915-6185.

Calling hours were scheduled for yesterday, Wednesday, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover. Relatives and friends are invited to a memorial service today, Thursday, at 11 a.m. at Marsh Corner Community Church, 317 Pelham St., Methuen.

Burial in Spring Grove Cemetery will be private.

Arrangements are by the Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

DEATHS

Bruce W. Bissett, 57
Virginia M. Clark, 80
Robert E. Couture
Catherine C. Donovan, 86
Dorothy M. Faucher, 88
James J. Garrity Sr., 81
Bruce E. Gilman, 53
Morris Bradley Gray Sr., 76
Martin J. Melia Jr., 39
Dorothy B. Nichols, 78
Kirkman O'Neal II, 49
Bernard J. Ristuccia, 82
Nicholas E. Romito, 67
Henry W. Spencer, 67
William Washburn
James G. Wilen, 68

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

COUTURE – Robert E. Couture of Wakefield died Saturday, April 12. Members of his family include his son, Robert M. Couture of Andover.

GARRITY – James J. Garrity Sr., 81, of Salem, Mass., a retired engineer from Stone and Webster Engineering Corp. died April 6, after a brief illness. Members of his family include his daughter, Mary Elizabeth Garrity and her husband, Alan Cormier, of Andover.

NICHOLS – Dorothy B. (MacInnis) Nichols, 78, of Medford died peacefully Thursday, April 10, at the Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington. Members of her family include her son, David B. and his wife Debra J. Nichols of Andover, and granddaughters Katherine and Hannah Nichols. Donations in Dorothy B. Nichols' memory may be made to Alex's Team Foundation, 200 Brickstone Square, Suite 504, Andover, 01810.

Bruce W. Bissett

AHS grad was a machinist

Bruce W. "Bluto" Bissett, 57, of Methuen died Sunday, April 13 at home.

He was a machinist.

Born in Lawrence, Mr. Bissett was a longtime resident of Andover and graduated from Andover High School.

Mr. Bissett served in the Army during the Vietnam conflict from 1967 to 1969, and was honorably discharged.

He was a member and senior vice president of the Methuen Post 122 American Legion.

Members of his family include his sister, Jerelyn M. Moreau of Sandown, N.H.; brother, Kenneth J. of Ayer; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. and today, Thursday, April 17 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m at the Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen.

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. from the funeral home with burial to follow in Elmwood Cemetery.

William Washburn

Founding member and early president of A Better Chance program

William Washburn of North Andover died Monday, April 14, at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, after a two-month struggle with an illness.

William Washburn

Mr. Washburn was born in Newton, and graduated from Milton Academy and Yale University. While at Milton he pitched a one-hitter and struck out 16 batters in a varsity baseball game in 1938.

During World War II, Mr. Washburn was a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps and piloted a B24 liberator during 27 combat missions in the European theatre.

He married Elinore Lilley, his wife of 57 years in 1945.

After the war, he pursued a career in advertising, but switched to hospital fundraising in 1961after his recovery from thyroid cancer.

He rose from the postion of assistant director of development at Mass. General Hospital to director of development at the New England Baptist Hospital, and later at Brigham and Women's Hospital until his retirement. The new Brigham and Womens facility was built during his tenure. He also served as president of the Mass. Chapter of Fund Raisers.

In 1965 Mr. Washburn marched with Dr. Martin Luther King's organization to protest racial segregation in Selma, Ala.

He returned from that experience to become a founding member and early president of the A Better Chance program of Andover in order to actively improve educational opportunity for minority Americans.

Since its inception, this program has enabled hundreds of disadvantaged minority students to attend Andover High School and go on to some of the best colleges in the country, his family said. Mr. Washburn has most recently used his fund-raising talent to raise money for the new addition to the program's dormitory in Andover.

An avid sportsman and competitor, Mr. Washburn entered and won numerous tennis, paddle tennis and fishing tournements over the past 80 years.

In addition to his wife, Elinore, members of his family include his daughter, Holly Matisis, her husband Tsach and their three children of Hingham; his son Sam, his wife Marie and their three children of Andover; his daughter Mary and her partner Alice Galloway of Methuen; his son William and his four children of Sydney, Australia; his brother, Stephen and his wife, Suzanne of Belmont, and his brother-in-law, James R. Lilley and wife, Sally, of Washington, D.C.

A memorial service followed by a reception will be held tomorrow, Friday, April 18, at 2 p.m. at the North Parish Unitarian Church in North Andover, Mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to A Better Chance of Andover, PO Box 212, Andover, 01810.

Bernard J. Ristuccia

Businessman and benefactor

Bernard Joseph Ristuccia, 82, a well-known businessman in greater Boston, died Tuesday, April 15 in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Mr. Ristuccia owned and built up several automobile dealerships in the course of his career, most notably Wilmington Ford of Wilmington.

Under his direction, Wilmington Ford excelled in sales and service in the New England region for three decades. Because of his leadership among automobile dealers, Mr. Ristuccia received many honors and awards from Ford Motor Co.

Mr. Ristuccia extended his leadership into areas of community and institutional development, his family said.

He was an active benefactor of educational institutions, including Harvard Medical School and Phillips Academy.

He made contributions to the development of Boston area hospitals, including Brigham and Women's, Massachusetts General Hospital, and the Beth Israel Hospital.

"His generosity advanced the quality of life in such local communities as Wilmington and Fairhaven, Mass., and Littleton, N.H. Area churches also benefited from his commitment and generosity," his family said.

"Among the qualities that attracted so many people to Mr. Ristuccia were his commonsense optimism, resilient spirit and irrepressible friendliness," they said.

Mr. Ristuccia, known as Ben, was born in Waltham, the son of Italian immigrant parents.

He graduated from the University of Massachusetts (Amherst) in 1943. Unable to serve in World War II because of a physical disability, he was married in 1944 to Elinor M. Koonz, a fellow student from UMass. After running a fruit and vegetable stand in Wellesley for several years, Mr. Ristuccia moved into the automobile business in the early 1950s. In 1965, he opened a new facility for Wilmington Ford; the building was, for its time, state-of-the-art.

Among those employed by Mr. Ristuccia at the new facility during the later 1960s was a young Andover High student named Jay Leno.

Mr. Ristuccia was also a friend of former Massachusetts Gov. John Volpe and former President George H.W. Bush.

Mr. Ristuccia and his wife, Elinor, made their home in Andover.

Elinor died of cancer in 1984.

Mr. Ristuccia is survived by six sons and daughters-in-law: John and Beverly, Bernard and Rebecca, and Michael and Sharon Ristuccia, all of Andover; Joel Ristuccia and Joan Sapir of Newton; Matthew and Karen Ristuccia of Princeton, N.J.; and Daniel and Donna Ristuccia of Boxford.

He is also survived by 20 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two sisters and one brother.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Cota Funeral Home of North Reading. [Call for details.]

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the American Liver Foundation, 88 Winchester Street, Newton, MA 02461.

Virginia M. Clark

Longtime communicant of Christ Church

Virginia M. Clark, 80, of Portsmouth, N.H., died Tuesday, April 8, at Webster at Rye.

She was born in Newton Center on Aug. 14, 1922, the daughter of the late Walter M. and Elizabeth (Crocker) Marston.

Mrs. Clark was a graduate of the Winsor School in Boston. She resided in Andover and North

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Townspeople

TOWN TALK

'Kicking down' Clown Town

Kids will still be able to play late into Friday night at this year's edition of the wildly popular Clown Town, but a disc jockey won't.

Clown Town, the annual carnival event put together by the Andona Society, is set for Friday, May 17 from 6 to 10 p.m. and Saturday, May 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The usual rides, games and clowns will all be there as long as the carnival is open. The DJ will be sent packing at 8 p.m. on opening night.

On Monday a 3-0 vote by the selectmen decided the DJ will need to pull the plug at 8 p.m. Selectman Mary Lyman says she received an e-mail from a downtown resident about the noise level that accompanies all the fun, asking if the DJ's hours could be cut back.

"The request was within our control," says Lyman. "It seemed like a reasonable request."

Though the selectmen did discuss how much noise actually comes from the DJ verses the carnival rides, screams and laughter, they did decided stopping the music at 8 would not have a huge impact on the event, and would make the nearby residents happy.

Lyman says it's "kicking it down a notch" for the later portion of the evening.

Ted Teichert, who moonlights as a DJ, abstained from the vote. Brian Major was absent from the meeting.

– Andrea Gregory

West best of 25 bee teams

One of two West Elementary teams proved West was best when it came to the 2003 Andover Spelling Bee, a fun evening presented by the Andover Fund for Education.

Twenty five teams raised $5,300 that will fund school projects by taking part in the event. Many team members – including educators, parents and business leaders in town – wore costumes, including Sanborn Principal Steve Jankauskas, who wore a monkey mask.

West El 2 – a team of Kelly Doherty, Mary Miller, Nancy Ross and Martha Tubinis – proved sturdy enough as a team to win the annual spelling-bee fundraiser on the word "corrodible." They beat out the AVIS Treesaurus team of Matt Dallett, Chris Vrountas, Tom Wronski and Danette Morris.

The smart money was on West El 2 taking the finals after it bested TEAM Doherty in the longest round of the evening. Doherty, the winner the previous two years thanks in large part to team member Elaine Elliot, was knocked out by "quinquennially." The team left off the "ly," leaving some to believe they had not correctly heard the word.

Andover High Principal Peter Anderson noted it was disorienting to have a finals without Elliott involved. "She has single-handedly dominated this event," said Anderson, who is more prone to tongue-in-cheek gibes than compliments at these annual affairs.

South School won the spirit award, as students carried painted horses to support their team.

– Neil Fater

New resident Drew Boynton

Drew draws ooohs & aaahs

Dad Steve Boynton says that his newborn is already sleeping through the night a week after his unusual delivery. Mother Maureen Murphy awoke on Sunday morning with labor pains and baby Drew was born in 40 minutes in the parents' bedroom. Police and firemen assisted with the delivery.

"He's the easiest kid I can imagine. A perfect gentleman," said Boynton. Boynton said he hasn't had a sleepless night yet.

He says his wife is also doing well and back on her feet. "I think the fast delivery didn't cause as much stress," said Boynton.

Drew Boynton weighed in at 6 pounds, 6 ounces and fell asleep immediately after birth surrounded by excited parents, neighbors and emergency personnel.

– Ben Hellman

New presidential face for Dollars

The Andover chapter of Dollars for Scholars has voted in a new president. Diane Hender will replace Cindy Milne, who has served as president for the past five years. Dollars for Scholars raises funds for scholarships. Any Andover resident who is a full-time student pursuing a secondary education is eligible to apply for a scholarship. Application forms can be found at the Andover High School, Memorial Hall Library, Phillips Academy, and the Greater Lawrence Technical School.

Scouts pack with care

Cub Scout Pack 79 ships 12 boxes of food, supplies to Iraq

By Ben Hellman

MARINE INFANTRYMAN Mark Casey will be a popular guy in Iraq at his next mail call. Andover's Cub Scout Pack 79 has shipped him 12 boxes of food and goods, which Casey said he would distribute to US soldiers and Iraqi civilians alike.

The kids sent homemade cookies, fudge, peanut brittle, popcorn and other snacks. They also sent stationary, magazines, soap, wipes, batteries, eye drops, sunglasses, Chapstick, and other items from a recommended list by Operation Shoebox, an effort started by a military mom in Florida.

The Andover Scouts sent cards and self-addressed, stamped envelopes in case the Marines had time to mail them back.

Scout dad and Lexington police Lieutenant Mike O'Connell suggested to parents that the pack do something to help the troops, and he knew of one marine who would distribute the goods.

"I've known Mark Casey all his life," said O'Connell, who works with Casey's dad and uncle in Lexington. Lance Corporal Casey is a Lexington resident and 2002 graduate of Lexington High School. He was in the Civil Air Patrol in high school and worked summers at a local golf course. He is now a rifleman in the Marine infantry. "He went from high school to war," said father Chris Casey.

Chris Casey says he was overwhelmed by the generosity of the Andover parents and kids. He said having a child in harm's way was something that resonated with parents, and many people had shown his family support. "He said he would need to requisition a Humvee to move the boxes," said Casey.

The Bear and Webelo dens in Pack 79 range in age from 8 to 11. The children went shopping with their parents and helped decide what to send the troops. "It is more meaningful for the boys to take active part in the community-service projects," said den mom Jenny Macheras.

O'Connell said people differ in their opinions on the war, but everyone supports the troops. The members of the pack were thinking of the troops and Iraqi civilians when they packed their boxes last week.

PHOTOS BY TIM FAY

Pack 79 of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in west Andover stand behind their work – 12 boxes of food and supplies for the troops serving in Iraq.

"It felt good to do something for the soldiers. I would like to thank them for being brave," said Brian Coiro.

"To say thank you, I sent homemade cookies, because I know they cannot get them in Iraq. I also sent a few toys, that they can give to the Iraq children," said Lea Macheras, another Scout.

Brian Coiro of Pack 79

"I think the care packages were a fun way of sending something to the soldiers who are fighting for our country. It is awesome that they are fighting against Saddam Hussein," said Billy Schiavoni.

Andover High School shipment

Andover High School sophomore Stephanie Carabine organized a similar mailing for troops in Iraq.

The second of two shipments went out last Saturday.

"I know a lot of people against the war and I just wanted to show support for people there fighting for us," said Carabine.

Mail backlog

A five- to six-month package backlog could mean that Casey will wait for the boxes to arrive, says John Doherty, veterans services agent. Doherty is also chairman of the Merrimack Valley Red Cross Service to Military Families, which was asked to stop sending goods two weeks ago by the US Department of Defense and Red Cross.

"It's an ironic situation," said Doherty. He called it a "win-win situation." He said when he was fighting in the Vietnam War, the *Townsman* mistakenly reported that there was a shortage of toothbrushes and toothpaste for the troops, along with a list of Andover servicemen. Andover residents responded generously then, too, and Doherty received 250 toothbrushes. "I got called 'Toothbrush Doherty' for a while," he said.

Evan Gaj and Miller Martin

30-year coach Art Iworsley recently inducted into Track Hall of Fame

Keeping students on track

By Ben Hellman

IT'S A SPRING TRACK MEET in Andover. The breeze is cool, the sun is hot and Coach Art Iworsley's normally soft-spoken voice booms across the long jump pits and echoes in the woods.

Long straight legs flash down the runway and suddenly leap from it, explosively. Gold shirts circle the track and watch in anticipation.

Foul.

The young athlete will go on to jump better than 19 feet and win the event against Billerica, but now he's just practicing and missing his take-off mark. It is the third time this has happened, so Iworsley takes the boy aside for a talk.

It's talks like this that helped Iworsley recently to be inducted into the Massachusetts State Track and Field Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He's coached in Andover for 30 years and taught elementary physical education for three years more.

The congratulatory phone call came the same week Andover's elementary physical-education program won best program of the year, a double-barreled success for Iworsley. But the hall-of-fame recognition was personal. Shortly after the call, he checked his caller ID to see if the call was legitimate. Then he asked his wife, High Plain Elementary teacher Kathy Iworsley, if the call really came.

It put Iworsley with the likes of his Andover mentor, Dick Collins, and his Lawrence High School track coach, Ernie Perry, to name a few. Iworsley took his moment in the spotlight to mention the names of every coach he ever had or worked with, and the coaches he works with today.

Iworsley says he knew he wanted to be a physical-education teacher and a coach as soon as he got to Lawrence High School. Sometimes he'll see his high-school physical education teacher, Steve Perrichi, and tell him "Steve, the reason I'm a phys. ed teacher is because of you."

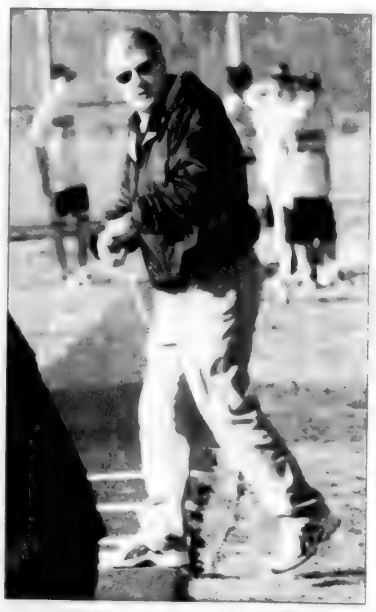

PHOTO BY TIM FAY

Coach Art Iworsley was recently inducted into the Massachusetts State Track and Field Coaches Association Hall of Fame. But he'd rather talk about the fact that 270 kids came out for spring track this year.

It came as a frustration and disappointment to him when the Andover school administration cut back on physical education this year because of budget woes. The cuts came after the elementary program was named program of the year. "They turned around and cut us in half," he says. "It's difficult to look in the children's eyes. They love the activity. It's tough."

Iworsley was a long jumper in high school but tried the hurdles, two-mile, half-mile and shot put because he knew he'd coach and wanted to see what it was like. He long-jumped and triple-jumped at Doane College in Crete, Neb.

That's where he met his wife, Kathy, and where they both studied to be teachers. He was a year ahead of her. After he waited for her graduate, they married and both found jobs in Andover.

Iworsley built his post-and-beam house in town in the summer of 1977. "It came in like a kit," he says. "I set my tent up on the site and that's where I lived that summer." He had to stay on site overnight so no one would try to steal building materials.

Iworsley actually designed the home. He submitted a design to a company called Clustershed, which had never built a two-story home. He says they liked his design so much they sent out an architect to work on the design with him. He was later paid a fee for his house to be a model for other families who wanted a home through the company.

"I remember the town building inspector gave me a hard time," he says. But when the beams showed up they were so thick that the inspector said it would never fall down, says Iworsley.

Iworsley also spoke of his children at the hall-of-fame ceremony. He told a story about his daughter Joy, 20, who beat every kid in a 50-yard dash at a St. Robert's field day for small children. She got right to the finish line ahead of the rest, but stopped and waited for every other kid to pass. "I said, 'We taught her to be polite,'" says Iworsley.

He also spoke of his son Eric, an eighth-grader at Wood Hill Middle, who was born with arthrogryposis, a condition than left him without muscles in his arms or legs.

Eric walks with the power of his hip muscles and gravity. He doesn't use the four-wheeled walker he was given, even though

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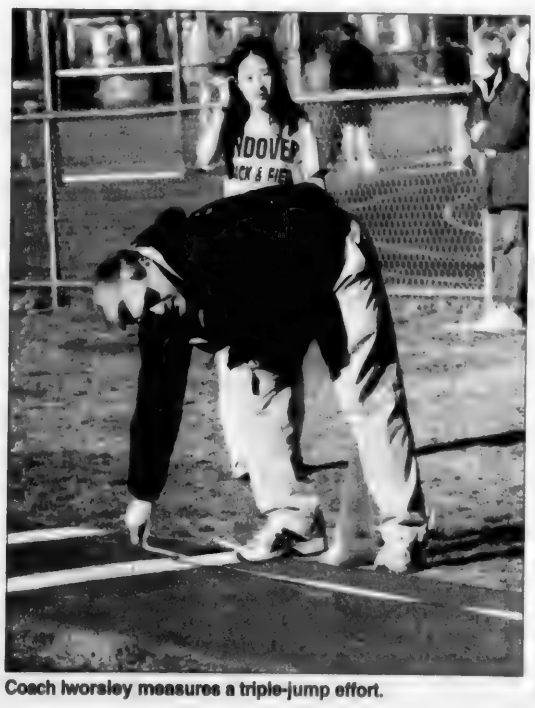

Coach Iworsley measures a triple-jump effort.

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

Character actress **Jessa Piaia** will present a one-person interpretation of pioneer aviatrix Amelia Earhart entitled "Amelia Earhart: First Lady of the Air" at **Memorial Hall Library**, next Thursday, April 24, at 11 a.m.

Acclaimed as the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic in 1932, she was also part of the earlier "Friendship" flight that departed from Jeffrey's Yacht Club in East Boston (just opposite present-day Rowes Wharf in Boston Harbor) on its trans-Atlantic flight in 1928.

Clad in period attire as Earhart would have worn while she was on the national speaking circuit in the 1930s, Piaia is acclaimed for "recreating history in the fullest sense. Piaia uses drama to reveal the accomplishments, struggles, and contributions of women to American history, organizers said.

Jessa Piaia as Amelia Earhart

Donald Robb, author and **Andover Historical Society** board member, will present "Car Talk: The Impact of the Automobile on American Life" for the Andover Historical Society's Noontime Lecture Series, Wednesday, April 23. All Noontime Lectures are brown bag programs and start at noon. Admission is $5; $3 for Historical Society members.

An antique auto ad illustrates "Car Talk: The Impact of the Automobile on American Life" on April 23.

Robb has a varied background that includes teaching, writing, and, most recently, working in the book publishing industry.

A longtime history buff, Robb has a special interest in American history, especially the period of the 1920s and 1930s. He is also a children's book author. His first book, *Hail to the Chief*, introduces children to the American presidency. Robb is currently working on a book about historic places in America.

Robb's April 23rd Noontime Lecture centers around the vast changes that the automobile has made in the American lifestyle over the past century. The automobile changed cities and suburbs, factories and food, vacations and dating habits, where and how Americans live. "In so many ways, every American family has felt the effects of the automobile," he says.

Come to this informative and entertaining Noontime talk to find out more.

Call 978-475-2236, or visit the website at www.andhists.org.

Betsy Williams will bring her Mrs. Thrift's Cupboard presentation to Memorial Hall Library Wednesday, April 23 at 9:30 a.m.

Mrs. Thrift is presented by Betsy Williams.

Mrs. Thrift says she is thrifty, not cheap. Come and learn her magical tools for transforming refrigerator chaos into culinary delights that are the herbs and flowers from her garden, garlic and onions from her pantry and vinegar and sugar from her cupboard. Williams will tell you all about her new cookbook.

The free program is sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library.

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The Department of Community Services is sponsoring a Giant Earth Day Yard Sale on Saturday, April 26 in the Park, at Bartlet and Chestnut streets, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Organizers said, "Support National Earth Day by participating as a seller or shopper. Recycle by cleaning out your garage, cellar, and attic. Your trash is someone's treasure."

Reserve a 10-foot spot in the park by calling **Mary Donohue** at DCS by noon, Friday, April 25. Cost is $5 per spot; set-up begins at 8 a.m., and participants should bring their own tables.

Rain date is Saturday, May 3.

Yard sale participants will be selling baby and children's clothing, household and kitchen items, doll accessories, books, nicknacks, toys, sports equipment, decorative pieces and "an amazing assortment of treasured recyclables," Donohue says.

Check out the **Girl Scout** cookie table and also the plant table run by the **Spade and Trowel Garden Club of Andover**.

Louise J.T. Carvalho, publicity chair, said, "We will also have other great items for sale as well. Spade and Trowel Garden Club depends on fund-raising activities such as this to continue to offer scholarships and carry on with our civic beautification projects."

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A community yard sale sponsored by the **Committee to Protect Andover Zoning** (PAZ) is planned for Saturday, April 26 (rain date May 3) at 8 Quail Run (off Bailey). Volunteers of all ages are preparing a wide selection of "treasures," a bake sale, and refreshments. The yard sale is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Unsold items will be donated to Lazarus House.

PAZ has an appeal pending in Superior Court to oppose the density of the proposed Avalon at St. Clare development on River Road. "Committed to community integrity as well as affordable housing, these Andover residents continue to press for appropriate resolution," organizers said.

Details are available on the PAZ website, www.pazonline.org. Equipment and volunteers are still needed for this event; to volunteer, call Lori Mattheiss at 978-686-8625.

OBITUARIES

■ VIRGINIA M. CLARK

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Andover for more than 40 years. She was a communicant of Christ Church in Andover and a longtime member of the North Andover Country Club.

Since moving to Portsmouth in 1998, she was a communicant of St. Andrews-By-The-Sea in Rye Beach.

She shared nearly 60 years of marriage with her husband, P. Hayden Clark.

In addition to her husband, family members include four children, Lee M. Hoehn of Burlington, Vt., Peter H. Clark Jr. of Rye Beach, Virginia M. Church of Morrisville, Vt., David N. Clark of Newmarket; seven grandchildren; two sisters, Natalie Dunlop of Annapolis, Md., and Lee Smithers of Lenox; and nieces and nephews.

Private services will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrews-By-The-Sea, P.O. Box 555, Rye Beach, NH 03871.

Arrangements are by the Remick and Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, Hampton.

Kirkman O'Neal II

Senior policy analyst

Kirkman O'Neal II, 49, died at the Lawrence General Hospital Sunday, April 13, 2003, after a valiant struggle with multiple myeloma.

He lived in Andover with his wife, Colleen, and daughters Anna and Bailey.

Born in 1953 in Birmingham, Ala., Mr. O'Neal attended the Indian Springs School. In 1982, he graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in applied mathematics from Brown University. In 1984, he graduated from John Hopkins University with a master's degree in systems analysis and economics for public decision-making.

Mr. O'Neal's career in policy analysis began at the Urban Institute's Public Finance and Housing Center in Washington, D.C.

He co-authored a computer simulation of housing quality for use in developing countries and applied this model on site in Sri Lanka and Honduras. He also participated in studies of rent control and racial segregation in US cities.

Mr. O'Neal was a founding member of the environmental division of Abt Associates, where he spent the remainder of his career as a project manager and senior policy analyst. At Abt, he authored a wide range of studies applying quantitative methods to the analysis of environmental policies. Many of his studies contributed to EPA regualtions for herbicides, insecticidies, lead and sewage sludge. Most recently, he developed computer models for analyzing the impact of global warming on the US corn crop and cold-water fish populations.

Mr. O'Neal's love of nature animated his work and his leisure, his family said. In his youth, he spent several seasons picking apples and pruning apple trees. He loved many outdoor activities, including bicycling, hiking, canoeing and running.

He also loved music and played the flute, banjo and piano. He especially loved family activities.

Members of his family include his wife, Collen G. (Grenier) O'Neal; two daughters, Anna Craft O'Neal and Bailey Gray O'Neal; his father, Emmet O'Neal II and his wife, Barbara; two brothers, Emmet O'Neal and Henry Craft O'Neal; and stepsister Cameron Acheson, all of Birmingham, Ala.; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was the son of the late Mary Anne (Craft) O'Neal.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Nature Conservancy, 4245 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22203.

Funeral services were held yesterday, Wednesday, April 16 at Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover.

Arrangements were by the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover.

Dorothy M. Faucher

Was a waitress at Durgin Park

Dorothy M. (Reagan) Faucher, 88, died Tuesday, April 15 at Wingate at Andover.

She was a waitress at Durgin Park in Boston for many years.

Born in Lowell, she lived in Lawrence before moving to Andover.

She was the widow of Alfred Foucher. Members of her family include sons Steven of North Andover, Kenneth of Black Canyon City, Ariz., Frederick of San Diego, Calif., and Paul of Methuen; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Calling hours will be held Saturday, April 19 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Henry W. Spencer

Longtime resident

Henry W. "Hank" Spencer, 67, of Andover, died Sunday, April 13, at home.

Henry W. "Hank" Spencer

Born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, he grew up in the Philippines before moving to New York, where he received a master's degree from Columbia University.

Mr. Spencer moved to Andover in 1984 where he became an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

He worked for Digital Equipment Corp., Quintus and, most recently, Avaya.

Members of his family include his wife of 38 years, Barbara (Lippincott) Spencer; a daughter, Joellen, and her three children, Christin, Michael and Alyssa, all of Londonderry, N.H. and formerly of Andover; a brother, Sash, and a sister, Linda, both of Florida.

A memorial service will be held next Saturday, April 26 at 3:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St., Andover, 01810.

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RELIGION NEWS

West Parish Church performs Living Last Supper tonight

West Parish Church of Andover, UCC, will present a dramatic re-enactment of the Last Supper tonight, Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 7.

The community is invited.

The inspiration for this drama is Leonardo DaVinci's famous painting, which depicts the disciples and Jesus at the moment Jesus announced, "One of you shall betray me."

The Last Supper was painted in the 15th century on the wall of the refectory of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan, Italy.

The drama brings to life the personalities of the disciples and their reactions to the words of Jesus. It also identifies what happened to each of them after the crucifixion of Jesus.

West Parish Church members have presented the Living Last Supper four times during Holy Week, most recently in 2001.

This year's performance includes some new cast members and newly selected music. The costumes, painted backdrop, and table setting are copied directly from the painting. Following the one-hour performance, communion will be served to all who wish to receive it.

Maundy or Holy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter. Christians remember it as the day of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and established the ceremony known as the Eucharist or Holy Communion. The term *Maundy* arises from the Latin word *mandatum* meaning mandate or commandment.

According to the Gospel of John, Jesus issued his commandment "that you love one another; even as I have loved you…" at the Last Supper. The night of Maundy Thursday is also the night on which Jesus was betrayed by Judas in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The Church will also hold two Easter Sunday services, at 9 and 11 a.m. this Sunday. The public is invited to join these special services at the church.

West Parish Church, United Church of Christ, is located at 129 Reservation Road, at the intersection of Route 133 (Lowell Street) and Shawsheen Road. The worship and activity areas are handicapped accessible.

For more information, call the church between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at 978-475-3528; or visit the Web site at westparishchurch.org.

West Parish Church of Andover will hold a performance of the "Living Last Supper" in its Sanctuary tonight, Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 7. Shown above are church members during the 2001 performance. The backdrop to the dramatization is a copy of Leonardo Da Vinci's famous painting, *The Last Supper*, painted by local artist and church member Pat Pearson of Andover. The public is invited to attend. This year's cast is as follows:
Leonardo: John Ippolito, Andover
Jesus: Rev. Elizabeth King, Stoneham
Nathaniel: Tim Turbett, Andover
Philip: Al Muggia, Andover
Andrew: Mark Tubinis, Andover
Matthew: Kevin Thompson, North Andover
James the Lesser: Jim Olson, Andover
Thaddeus: Ed Pass, Andover
Simon Peter: Chris Easton, Andover
James: Wayne Wivell, Andover
John: Steve Knapp, Andover
Simon the Zealot: Chris Bates, Andover
Thomas: Steve Vano, Andover
Judas: Don Nickerson, Andover
Narrators: Barbara Haefling, Ellen Harmoning of Andover
Director: Kathy Dalton, Andover
Make-up: Jan Peters, Andover
Lighting: Vahey Gulezian, Andover
Producer: Jan Litchfield, Andover

South Winds to hold Easter Eve service at Cochran Chapel

The South Church South Winds Worship Series will offer a community Easter Eve service at 5 p.m. April 19 at Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy.

Phillips Academy protestant chaplain Mike Ebner will lead the service, and music will be presented by the Boston Community Gospel Choir, directed and accompanied by Dennis Slaughter.

ILLUSTRATION BY ED PARKER

The Easter message is the theme of SouthWinds service this Saturday.

Faith Lutheran to host a Good Friday event for families

Good Friday is one of the most meaningful days for Christians of all denominations, and this year Faith Lutheran Church in Andover will commemorate Christ's death with a new event called "The Way of the Cross for Families."

This event will give participants the opportunity to walk in Jesus' final footsteps while focusing on the themes of family love and support.

Families will travel together to various stops located throughout the church building where they will listen to the stories of the Passion, engage in prayer and reflect on the meaning of the crucifixion in the daily lives of our families today.

The experience is designed to be meaningful for all followers of Christ from children to seniors, organizers said.

The Way of the Cross for Families will be conducted continuously between 2:30 and 5 p.m. tomorrow, Good Friday, April 18, and will take approximately 20 to 30 minutes. Everyone is invited, regardless of church affiliation.

Faith Lutheran is located at 360 South Main St. (Route 28) in Andover.

10th annual Prayer Walk on Good Friday

Christians of all denominations are invited to participate in the 10th annual Andover Good Friday Prayer Walk tomorrow, April 18. The walk starts outside St. Augustine Church on Essex Street at 8:30 a.m.

Coffee, orange juice and hot cross buns will be served starting at 8.

Last year approximately 150 people of all ages came on the walk, including many children and representatives from most of the churches in Andover.

The Rev. Jack Daniel, the senior pastor of Free Christian Church in Andover, says that the Prayer Walk "unites Christians of all denominations around the central event of our faith: the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It gets Christian clergy and lay leaders out of the safe confines of our churches and onto the streets to pray for the community."

The walk proceeds up Shawsheen Street to West Middle School, down Stevens Street to Marland Place, and then up Main Street to the Safety Center, War Memorial and Old Town Hall, past Town Offices, and then returns to St. Augustine by way of South Church.

At each stop, a member of the local clergy will lead prayers for a specific aspect of town life and will read a portion of the Gospel accounts of Jesus, including his trial and execution.

The Prayer Walk is organized on behalf of the Andover Clergy Association by Prayer for Andover, a lay ecumenical group that meets monthly to pray for the town.

Everyone is welcome to participate. For further details, call Roselle or David Heckendorn at 978-470-2651

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Baptist

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7 Central St., Andover
978-475-0166

Catholic

St. Augustine Church
43 Essex St., Andover
978-475-0050

HOLY THURSDAY: 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper.
GOOD FRIDAY: Ecumenical prayer walk, 8:30 to 10 a.m., leaving from St. Augustine; 3 p.m. Stations of the Cross; 7:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word.
HOLY SATURDAY: 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil celebration.
EASTER SUNDAY: Masses 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., [illegible] p.m.; upper church [illegible] at Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, Merrimack College, 8:30 and [illegible] p.m.

St. Robert Bellarmine Church
Haggetts Pond Road
Andover
[illegible]

HOLY THURSDAY: [illegible] p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Driscoll Hall until midnight. Night Prayer.
GOOD FRIDAY: [illegible] Morning Prayer; [illegible] p.m. [illegible] Passion and Death.
HOLY SATURDAY: [illegible] Morning Prayer; [illegible] p.m. [illegible]
EASTER SUNDAY: [illegible] Sunrise [illegible]

St. Joseph's Chapel
22 [illegible] Lane
[illegible]
978-475-0050

EASTER SUNDAY: Mass [illegible]

Congregational

Free Christian Church
31 Elm St., Andover
978-475-[illegible]

MAUNDY THURSDAY: [illegible] p.m. Candlelight Communion service, child care available for [illegible]
GOOD FRIDAY: Ecumenical prayer walk, 8:30 [illegible], leaving from St. Augustine; 7 [illegible] Good Friday worship service at Free Christian Church.
EASTER SUNDAY: [illegible] worship service; childcare available for infants through age 4.

Episcopal

Christ Church
25 Central St., Andover
978-475-0529

MAUNDY THURSDAY: [illegible] p.m. Agape Supper, Parish Hall; [illegible] p.m. Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and stripping of the Altar.
GOOD FRIDAY: Noon [illegible] the Passion; 7:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion.
HOLY SATURDAY: [illegible] a.m. Liturgy for Holy Saturday, [illegible] Chapel; 7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter.
EASTER SUNDAY: 8 a.m. Holy Baptism and Eucharist with music; 10 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist.

Interdenominational

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Lutheran

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MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7 p.m.
GOOD FRIDAY: Way of the Cross step-by-step time between 2:30 and 5 p.m.; worship service at 7 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY: Services of worship, Eucharist at 8:30 a.m. [illegible] and [illegible] traditional worship services.

Unitarian

Unitarian
Universalist Congregation of Andover
6 Locke St., Andover
978-475-[illegible]

EASTER SUNDAY: [illegible] service.

United Church of Christ

South Church
[illegible]

MAUNDY THURSDAY: [illegible]
HOLY SATURDAY: South Winds [illegible] Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 5 p.m.
EASTER SUNDAY: [illegible] Phillips Academy campus [illegible]

West Parish Church
129 Reservation Road
Andover
978-475-3528

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7 p.m. Dramatic re-enactment of the Last Supper with Communion service [illegible]
EASTER SUNDAY: 9 [illegible] [illegible] Reservation Road

United Methodist

[illegible] United Church
[illegible] Methodist and [illegible] Christ
[illegible] Road, Andover
978-475-[illegible]

MAUNDY THURSDAY: 7 [illegible] Holy Communion.
EASTER SUNDAY: [illegible]

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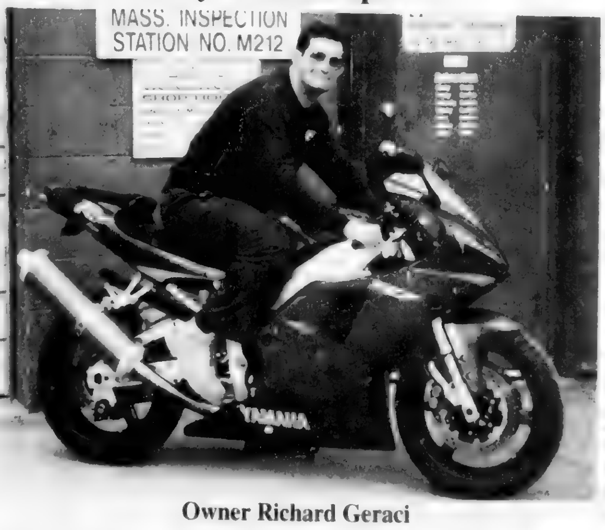

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Business

BRIEFS

Upcoming MV Chamber events

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will host a human resources program today, Thursday, April 17, at noon, at the Andover Country Club. On Wednesday, April 30, it will have its annual dinner at 6 p.m. at DiBurro's in Haverhill. Boston Mayor Tom Menino is the scheduled speaker.

Ferrante: Lifetime award

Merrill Lynch announced that Jeffrey A. Ferrante, certified financial planner and first vice president of its Andover office, has been named recipient of its 2002 Lifetime Community Achievement Award. The award recognizes employees whose ongoing commitment to community service best exemplifies the principle of responsible citizenship.

"Jeff gives both his time and his resources back to the community," said Mark VanKouteren, manager at Merrill Lynch. "He has inspired the entire office to get involved.."

Included among the many community organizations Ferrante has been active with during the past 20 years are Lazarus House, Central Catholic High School, UNICO-Merrimack Valley, the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club, the Greater Lawrence Kiwanis Club, and the North Andover Scholarship Foundation. Ferrante is a resident of North Andover.

HEART BALL

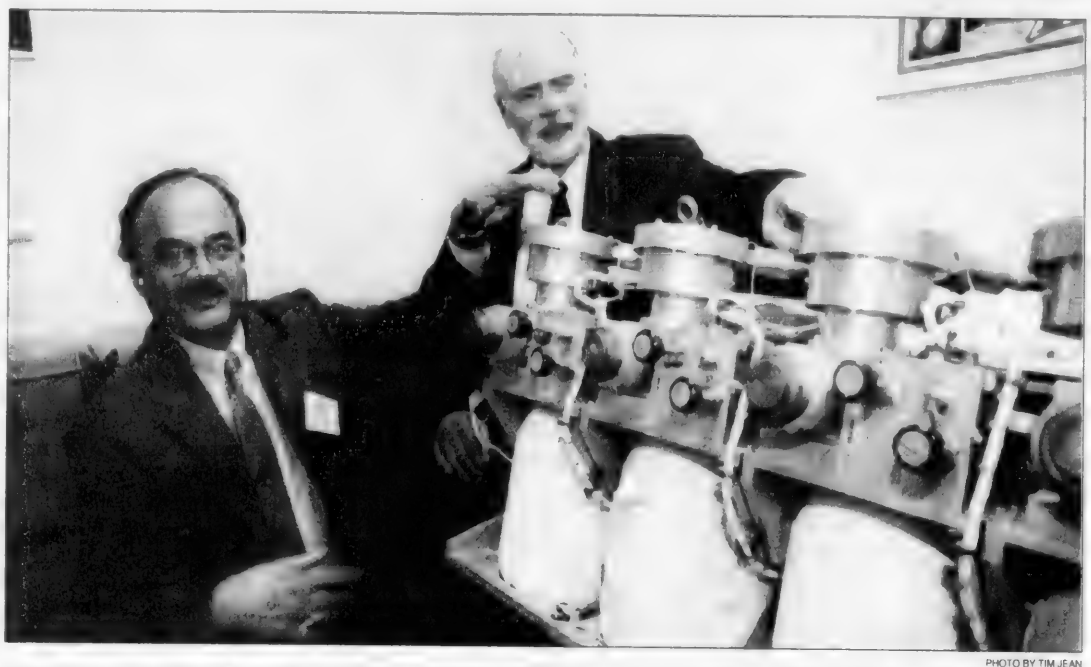
Deborah DiSanzo, vice president and general manager of Philips Medical Systems in Andover, accepts Philips' sponsor award from John Pastore (left) at the Boston Heart Ball's Premiere Party last month at Saks Fifth Avenue, Boston. Philips was the presenting sponsor at this year's gala.

Blackwell: technical achievement

BAE Systems of Nashua, N.H. recently honored five members of the company's engineering community for their distinguished contributions during the past year.

The company presented a 2002 Technical Excellence Award to Richard Blackwell of Andover. Blackwell, a senior principal systems engineer, received the award for his work on developing an industry-leading microbolometer design – a device used in defense, security and firefighting infrared-imaging applications. His design features small pixel size and high spatial resolution.

Blackwell received a bachelor's degree in physics from St. Louis University and a doctorate in applied physics from Cornell University.



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Prakish Joshi, manager of aerospace sciences, and Byron David Green, executive vice president of the research division, in front of their Critical Ionization Velocity Experiment, which took a ride on the space shuttle *Discovery* in 1991.

'Technology factory' studying world

Physical Sciences' open house shows variety of research, future products

By Ben Hellman

Under the noses of many in Andover, Physical Sciences, Inc. a self-proclaimed "technology factory" off Old River Road, is churning out gadgets to make life better. On land, sea, air and even in outer space, PSI is making devices it says will protect the country, study the world and detect environmental hazards.

Vice President of Research David Greene stands proudly by a large device that looks like an engine. A brass tag proclaims that it weighs 500 pounds. "This is our baby," he says.

A scanner that could be used to spot gas leaks.

And a baby by any other name wouldn't be as complicated. The Critical Ionization Velocity Experiment, or CIV flew in the payload of the space shuttle Discovery in 1991. Plans to fly again were benched after the Columbia disaster.

Space shuttles glow orange in space, a phenomenon called "shuttle glow." The CIV was built to understand how the materials that space shuttles are made of react to the atmosphere in Earth's low orbit.

Back on Earth, PSI – which has an official address of 20 New England Business Center – has another device that could make it to the edge of people's yards: A portable gas detector that will be used to help gas companies test for leaks safely and at a distance.

Gas men currently carry small plastic cones that look like upside-down funnels. They place the cones on the ground to test for gas, which isn't always convenient when people have fences – or worse, dogs.

The scanner looks like a police radar gun that a gas company inspector can use to "paint the ground," or scan for leaks.

"They're excited about it because they don't want to deal with Fido, frankly," said Greene.

But these are just two projects that PSI is involved in.

Other programs

• On the homeland security front, PSI is developing a solids-based laser to stop a missile and sensors to detect chemical weapons.

• For the military, it is producing a cleansing sponge that would allow a soldier to dip the sponge into a body of water and purify all of the drinking water he needed for a day. The person could squeeze the now drinkable water out of the sponge and into a canteen, for instance.

• In medicine, PSI has a sensor that could detect asthma or diabetes by measuring certain chemicals expelled in a person's breath. It also has a scanning laser that could help eye doctors study and conduct surgery on a moving eye.

• Marine biologists may be interested in a fluorescent light gun that illuminates tiny coral formations, making them easier to find and study.

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At Physical Sciences, Amy Hunter, a principal research scientist, answers a question about a monitor that could detect lead paint, for instance.

With kit, Smith & Nephew bent on capturing joint-repair market

By Andy Murray

Smith & Nephew has introduced a new kit for repairing hurt knees, hoping to sew up even more joint-repair business before athletes – and their knees – get any older.

The global healthcare company, whose endoscopic surgery unit is based in Minuteman Park, said the new kit will reduce operating times for a particular type of knee injury, helping overtaxed doctors and hospitals while reducing risks for patients.

"The patients do get up and about much faster with this, and you are not just talking days difference, you are talking weeks difference," said Morag "Mo" Stafford, senior marketing manager for knee repair at Smith & Nephew

Last month, Smith & Nephew announced plans to acquire the Swiss medical device manufacturer Centerpulse AG for $2.35 billion, creating the world's third-largest orthopedics company.

The consolidated company, to be called the Smith & Nephew Group, would trail only Johnson & Johnson and Stryker Corp. of the US in the global market for hip, knee and other joint replacements. The market, which is worth around $14 billion in annual sales, is growing at about 15 percent a year.

Smith & Nephew, which employs close to 1,000 people in Massachusetts, estimates it Fast-Fix knee repair kit is used in 40 percent of meniscal ligament surgeries worldwide. The menisci are two half-moon shaped pads of cartilage in the knee that act as shock absorbers and strings inside the joint.

With its Fast-Fix AB system, Smith & Nephew says it hopes to increase its market share. "We fully expect to expand on that 40 percent," said Joseph Metzger, a spokesman for Smith & Nephew, who said adoption of the AB system would depend on how well it was marketed and the company has no specific targets.

Physicians and therapists say meniscal injuries are becoming slightly more common, both among active older adults and young athletes. Andrew Cannon, team physical therapist at Merrimack College, partly blames increased physical activity, but notes doctors are also becoming more aggressive in repairing injured ligaments to prevent joint degeneration later in life.

"The poster (children) for this are all the football players who tore up their knees playing professionally and experienced a lot of early-onset joint arthritis. So, what is happening now is an all-out push to mitigate it," he said.

More young athletes, including more young women, are coming up lame from meniscal tears, as well as more adults whose relative inactivity can leave them more susceptible to injury.

"(A joint) can be overused and damaged or it can be underused and damaged," explained Cannon, who was injured 10 years ago.

Since then, Cannon said doctors and companies have made tremendous strides in reducing the invasiveness of surgery required to repair such an injury, and more athletes are opting for surgical repairs to extend their careers.

"Certainly, it's not career-ending. I think it depends on the extent of the injury and the degree of desired recovery (whether you opt for surgery)," said Cannon, who is director of sports medicine at the Northeast Rehabilitation Network of Salem, N.H.

Smith & Nephew said its Fast-Fix AB system will allow doctors to implant one of the strongest type of patches for ligament repair without the broad incision traditionally needed for the implant. The Fast-Fix patch can be inserted in a "keyhole" incision no more than 7 millimeters wide, Stafford said. A polymer in the patch, in clinical trials, has been shown to absorb into a patient's cartilage.

The advantage, Stafford said, is patients spend less time in surgery and less time recovering, minimizing both costs and health risks.

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Sports

AHS ROUNDUP

Drying fields and fleet feet

Varsity teams punch it into overdrive to overcome scheduling difficulties

By Rick Harrison

The weather finally broke earlier this week, prompting all nine Andover High varsity spring sports teams to kick it into high gear and begin making up for lost time.

Capt. Phil Shaw leads the pack in the one-mile race last Thursday. Shaw finished first in two events, the 800 meters (2:05.6) as well as the mile (4:52.0).

Triple-jumper Matt Hill reels off an effort of 36 feet, 10.5 inches.

OUTDOOR TRACK

Capt. Stephanie Casper and sophomore Felicia Thompson chalked up two individual wins each as the Andover High girls track team rolled to a resounding 126-14 Merrimack Valley Conference crossover dual-meet victory in the season opener at Lovely Field.

A triple win by Vin Errico and a double from Phil Shaw paced the AHS boys past Billerica, 106-39.

Schedule

Both Andover teams returned to dual meet action yesterday at home against Lowell, and next Tuesday the locals will host the MVC Relays at Lovely Field (10 a.m.).

Andover girls 126
Billerica 14

The Lady Warriors placed first in 15 of the 16 events contested, sweeping the top three places in seven and finishing 1-2 in six others.

Casper was tops in the triple jump (35'6 1/2") and 400 meters (60.9), while Thompson won the discus (95'1") and shot put (31'7") tosses.

Other AHS field event winners were high jumper Corinne Welch (4'8"), pole vaulter Sherri Bernstein (6'6") and Capt. Carolyn Berberian in the long jump (16' 1/2").

Berberian added a pair of second places in the high jump (4'8") and 200 meters (29.2).

Joining Casper as individual victors in the running events were sophomore Jenny Dlesk (100 dash, 12.5), Amanda Carlson (200 meters, 27.6), sophomore Brittany Moriarty (800 meters, 2:29.4), sophomore miler Michelle Pirro (5:53.8), sophomore two-miler Leslie Willey (13:01) and hurdlers Meaghan Keefe (100 highs, 17.5) and Allison Kerivan (300 intermediates, 50.8).

The Andover quartet of Dlesk, Carlson, freshman Caroline Pierce and Charlene Fielding won the 4x100 sprint relay (55.1).

Capt. Katie Cail contributed nine points to the effort with three second-place finishes in the 100-meter high hurdles (17.7), 300-meter intermediate hurdles (51.0) and triple jump (33'8 1/4").

Other runners-up were Caroline Pierce (100 meters, 13.1), freshman Emily Pallotta (400 meters, 63.5), Amy Palmieri (800, 2:41.1), miler Caitlin Hamer (6:13.0), two-miler Jazzy Dingler (13:03), Stephanie Auchterlonie (discus, 83'6"), Ashley Faulk (javelin, 101'5"), Libby Fortier (pole vault, 6'6") and Keefe (long jump, 15'4 1/4").

Completing sweeps by placing third were Fielding (100 meters, 13.4), sophomore Emily Korba (400 meters, 63.6), two-miler Christine Nigh (13:46), Jamie Singelais (discus, 82'4"), pole vaulter Jamie Maltz (6'0") and freshman high hurdler Brittany Pierce (17.8).

Other Andover thirds went to shot putter Jessie Shields (28 feet) and Monica Ortiz (javelin, 77'11").

Andover boys 106
Billerica 39

AHS placed first in 12 of 17 events and swept the pole vault, triple jump, 110-meter hurdles, 100 meters, 800 meters, mile and 300-meter intermediate hurdles.

Junior Vin Errico had an outstanding meet with three first-place finishes in the triple jump (39'2"), 110 hurdles (16.1) and 300 hurdles (44.0).

Capt. Phil Shaw was tops in two events, the 800 meters (2:05.6) and mile (4:52.0).

Bruce Hilman won the long jump (19'1") and placed second in the 200 meters (23.9).

Other individual victors were pole vaulter Dave Aleska (9'0"), high jumper Dan Calderon (5'10"), sprinter Mike Donahue (100 meters, 11.6), two-miler Ryan Durkin (10:20.1) and sophomore Dave Chechrallah (javelin, 136'4").

The 4x100 sprint relay of Donahue, Jason Sheldon, Brad Durkin and Alex Perry flashed across the finish line first in 46.3.

Sophomore Chris Cole placed second in both the 110 hurdles (16.5) and 300 hurdles (46.3), while also tying for third in the discus (107'0").

Additional runners-up were Capt. Russ Stevens (discus, 112'5"), pole vaulter Gabe Greeley (8'6"), sophomore shot putter Mike Gustin (43'4"), triple jumper Matt Hill (36'10 1/2"), freshman sprinter Sheldon (100 meters, 11.9), sophomore sprinter Robert Kaufman (400 meters, 54.1), miler Brad Sherman (4:58.0) and Jeff Sawyer (800 meters, 2:10.1).

Completing sweeps were sophomore Perry (100 meters, 12.1), freshman triple jumper Frank Abreu (36'0"), freshman 110 hurdler Adam Cuomo (17.0), pole vaulter Andrew Ivanovich (8'0"), Hill in the 300 hurdles, sophomore Matt Malloy (800 meters, 2:11.2) and miler Pat Twomey (5:02.2).

Also placing third were sophomore two-miler Jimmy Muller (11:12.3), Ed Roberts (javelin, 114'7"), shot putter Mike Cerchione (42'5"), Mike Alvarez (discus, 107'0"), Capt. Taylor Hender (400 meters, 56.3) and Alex Navarro (200 meters, 26.09).

Capt. Carolyn Berberian won in the long jump at 16 feet, one-half inch.

BASEBALL

The Andover High varsity baseball team launched its campaign in impressive fashion, marking the return to wooden bats with a doubleheader split in the fourth annual Baseball Showcase hosted this year by Brockton High.

Playing a pair of traditional south shore powers, Andover dropped a 3-2 decision to New Bedford and then bounced back to nip host Brockton, 2-1.

Schedule

The Golden Warriors hosted Revere for a non-leaguer yesterday at Peter Aumais Park, and they open the Merrimack Valley Conference season this afternoon (3:30 p.m.) at home against three-time reigning MVC 2 champ Tewksbury.

Three vacation-week games are set for 2 p.m. next Monday against Central Catholic (home), Chelmsford (away) and Billerica (home).

The four-team Wakefield Tournament, postponed earlier this month, has been rescheduled for this Saturday and next Saturday (April 26) at Wakefield High's Walsh Field.

Andover will face Beverly in the semifinal round this Saturday at 11 a.m. Saugus and host Wakefield play in the other semifinal at 2 p.m.

Baseball Showcase

Offense was at a premium in both games, as Andover managed just seven hits on the day while AHS pitchers Kyle Ahern, Brett Carroll, Pat Bateson and Jon Shaw yielded only 11 safeties.

In the opener, New Bedford broke a scoreless tie with a run in the fifth and two more in the sixth.

Andover got on the board in the seventh when sophomore second baseman Matt Iorio doubled home juniors Brian Buckley and Jarrett Mackin.

The Whalers were able to hang on for the close win, however.

Tough-luck losing pitcher Kyle Ahern started and threw five strong innings of three-hit ball.

Iorio, Buckley and freshman shortstop Paul Malaguti had a hit each for Andover.

In the nightcap, AHS and Brockton traded first-inning runs before the locals pushed across the game-winner in the top of the sixth.

Junior outfielder Ryan Shepard singled home Malaguti with the deciding tally.

A wild pitch enabled freshman infielder Andrew Hennessy to race home with the first Andover run.

Jon Shaw earned the pitching victory as he and Pat Bateson combined for a six-hitter.

Buckley tapped out two more hits versus the Boxers, while Shepard and Malaguti had one safety apiece.

Marsha Mogilevich

GIRLS TENNIS

Facing what is supposed to be its toughest Merrimack Valley Conference opponent, the Andover High girls tennis team won everything in straight sets on the way to a lopsided 5-0 victory over Central Catholic.

The 13-time reigning conference champs, who have now won 204 straight MVC matches, dropped only six games in singles and five in doubles.

Andover also stampeded past Lawrence, 5-0, to improve its early-season record to 3-0.

Schedule

The Lady Warriors hosted Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro yesterday, after Townsman presstime, and travel to Chelmsford this afternoon (3:30 p.m.).

The locals then stand idle over vacation before returning to the courts April 28 at home versus Lowell (3:30).

Andover 5
Central Catholic 0

Marsha Mogilevich, who has never lost a set in conference play, took control of her first singles match late in the opening set and defeated Central's stubborn Johanna MacKay 6-4, 6-0.

"Johanna is a very good player and she made some tough shots," said Mogilevich, who nevertheless appeared to take the fight out of her opponent after hanging tough in the hard-fought first set.

Sophomore Christie Spang and freshman Hannah Zarkar found the going easier at second and third singles. Spang besting Lisa Vicente 6-1, 6-1 and Zarkar whitewashing Sarah Shadallah 6-0, 6-0 in the AHS player's varsity debut.

Capts. Lauren Fitzgerald and Jennika Hornung dominated the Raiders' Riley Doherty and Meg McCleary 6-0, 6-2 at first doubles.

Capt. [illegible] Hodges and junior Brittany Ross completed the sweep with a 6-1, 6-2 conquest of Catherine Pelletier and [illegible] at second doubles.

Andover 5
Lawrence 0

The Lady Warriors swept over

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thing in straight sets, dropping just two games in the entire match.

Rolling 6-0, 6-0 in singles were junior No. 1 Marsha Mogilevich and sophomore No. 2 Christie Spang.

Sophomore Lindsay Davidson contributed a 6-2, 6-0 romp at No. 3 singles.

Clicking off 12 straight games in doubles were the No. 1 tandem of Capts. Jenicka Hornung and Lauren Fitzgerald, along with the No. 2 duo of sophomores Elissa Slovin and Jodi Richard.

BOYS TENNIS

Senior first singles and Capt. Jason Lynn returned to the lineup after a bout with a lingering bronchial virus, as the Andover High boys tennis team disposed of Central Catholic 4-1 in Merrimack Valley Conference play Tuesday afternoon at the AHS courts.

That win, along with a 5-0 sweep of Lawrence High, boosted the Golden Warriors to 2-1 overall and 2-0 in conference play as they prepare for the first of two giant showdowns with Chelmsford.

Schedule

The Andover netmen are at home this afternoon against reigning conference champ Chelmsford (3:30 p.m.).

The locals will be out to avenge a pair of tough losses last spring, as the Lions ended Andover's stranglehold on the MVC with two hard-fought 3-2 wins.

The first of those matches also snapped a lengthy AHS conference win streak.

Andover 4
Central Catholic 1

Capt. Alex Cline got the winners started when he hung in for a 6-4, 7-5 tug-of-war triumph over Central's Anthony Gallardo at second singles.

Junior Jason Edelstein was also pushed by Zach Szymanski at third singles before the AHS varsity newcomer registered a straight-set 6-2, 6-4 win.

First doubles produced the most convincing Andover victory as juniors Avi Lasser and Brian Axelrod rolled 6-0, 6-2 over the Raiders' Bryce Giorgio and Jeff Trull.

Capt. Dave Nill and sophomore Josh Caplan were tested in the first set at second doubles, but went on to dispose of Corey Michaud and Chris DiPietro 6-4, 6-1.

It was the first time the AHS duo had been paired together this season.

Jason Lynn's return, after he missed the first two matches because of illness, was tempered by the realization he was facing one of the top players in Eastern Mass.

Central's Jason Sechrist provided a rude welcome as he swept past Lynn 6-1, 6-2 for the lone CCHS point.

"Both Cline and Gallardo played well from the baseline in their singles match," said AHS coach Mike Wartman. "Alex led the whole way but there were a lot of long points and games.

"In the end it was Alex's play at the net that was the difference. Most times when he ventured in he produced a winning shot."

Andover 5
Lawrence 0

AHS surrendered only one game in 10 sets as it completely dominated the visiting Lancers in the MVC opener.

Senior Capt. Alex Cline and junior Jason Edelstein were 6-0, 6-0 winners in the top two singles slots, while junior Dave Szafarz made a successful varsity debut with a 6-1, 6-0 romp over Quang Nguyen of Lawrence.

Also chalking up 6-0, 6-0 whitewashes were the junior No. 1 doubles team of Avi Lasser/Brian Axelrod and the No. 2 tandem of Capt. Dave Nill and junior Dave Hornung in his first varsity match.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Recent victories over Chelmsford (2-1) and Westford Academy (2-0) were tempered by a 2-0 loss to Central Catholic, as the Andover High boys varsity volleyball team moved to 4-2 overall in Merrimack Valley Conference Division 2 play.

Schedule

AHS hosted Billerica yesterday, after *Townsman* presstime, and returns to the Dunn Gym Saturday morning (10 a.m.) for an MVC match against Haverhill.

Injury report

Andover has lost senior middle hitter, 2002 MVC Division 2 Player of the Year and Capt. Steve Johnson indefinitely with a rotator cuff injury.

The ice hockey/volleyball standout may have suffered the injury as long ago as last summer at a volleyball tournament in Washington, D.C. He may also have unwittingly aggravated it during the hockey season.

Johnson was finally forced out of action early in the second game of Monday night's match against Central Catholic.

He was scheduled to see a doctor this week and at presstime the exact diagnosis of the injury was unknown.

Andover 2
Chelmsford 1

The locals spotted the reigning MVC 1 co-champs a one-game lead, then roared back with 30-19 and 30-24 wins to clinch the match.

"We pulled things together nicely, especially after the first game," said coach George Sullivan, whose club dropped a 32-30 overtime decision in game one. "Chelmsford has some size but graduated all its starters from a year ago (19-3 record)."

Top hitters for the Golden Warriors were Cameron Day (19-for-23, 11 kills), Steve Johnson (17-for-21, eight kills), Matt Monteiro (5-for-7), David Hsu (5-for-8, one kill), Jake Kleinman (5-for-8), Andy Ahern (4-for-6, two kills) and Casey Cho (3-for-8).

Leading servers were Kleinman (24-for-25, three aces), Johnson (13-for-13), Sean Cummings (12-for-12), Hsu (10-for-10), Day (9-for-9), Tim An (9-for-10) and Monteiro (6-for-6).

Shawn Furey was 25-for-30 in defensive digs.

The Andover JVs were 2-0 winners in the prelim, blasting Chelmsford 30-8 and 30-4 as Darren McRoy was outstanding with 15 service points in game one and 25-for-25 serving with 13 aces in the match.

Others playing well included Tyler Carroll (7-for-9 hitting, three kills), Daniel Jun (6-for-6 serving, one ace), Chris James (5-for-6 serving, one ace), Jerry Mohan (hitting), Alex Levine (hitting), Nick Assad (hitting) and Pardeep Thandi (defense).

Andover 2
Westford 0

Cameron Day went 9-for-14 hitting, with a team-high six kills, and 9-for-9 serving as the Golden Warriors rolled to the 30-14, 30-26 sweep over MVC 2 rival Westford.

David Hsu also had a strong outing with 9-for-11 hitting, 9-for-9 serving, two kills, one ace and solid work setting and on defense.

Middle hitter Andy Ahern was 9-for-12 hitting and 5-for-5 serving, with three kills and two aces.

Jake Kleinman chipped in two kills, two aces, 5-for-7 hitting and 12-for-14 serving.

Matt Monteiro finished 6-for-6 hitting and 3-for-3 serving, and Steve Gerstein was 5-for-7 hitting.

Other top servers were Tim An (12-for-12, one ace), Sean Cummings (10-for-11, one ace) and Jake Minton (3-for-3, one ace).

Capt. Steve Johnson, nursing a right shoulder injury, did some early power-tipping at the net before sitting out the remainder of the match.

The locals finished a season-best 66-for-69 serving.

Tyler Carroll sparked a 2-0 win by the AHS junior varsity in the prelim, going 16-for-16 serving with three aces and 4-for-4 hitting. He also played solid defense.

Setter Darren McRoy was 11-for-11 hitting and 13-for-15 serving, with two kills and six aces, while Sam Silverman went 3-for-3 hitting and 4-for-6 serving with two aces.

Other standouts in the 30-18, 30-21 sweep were middle hitter Nick Assad (10-for-12 hitting, three kills), Ian McMahon (9-for-12 hitting, two kills), setter Daniel Jun (9-for-10 serving, one ace), Pardeep Thandi (7-for-7 serving, two aces), Chris James (serving), Jerry Mohan (hitting) and Matt Jacobs (hitting).

Central Catholic 2
Andover 0

Host Central (5-2) registered a 30-24, 30-21 sweep, taking control of game two after Andover closed within a point at 13-12.

"We have to get tougher against the better teams," said coach Sullivan. "We broke down in several key areas and were out of position a few times.

"We did a pretty good job against their two big guys (6'7" Dan O'Shea and 6'6" Bill Paquin), but we couldn't sustain momentum."

Cameron Day was the top AHS hitter with 13-for-18 and eight kills, while Steve Johnson went 13-for-15 with seven kills before he was forced to the sidelines with the rotator cuff injury.

Also hitting well were David Hsu (8-for-13, four kills), Andy Ahern (7-for-10, three kills), Jake Kleinman (6-for-12, three kills), Steve Gerstein (7-for-10, one kill) and Matt Monteiro (6-for-10, one kill).

The leading servers included Day (9-for-9), Kleinman (9-for-13, one ace), Tim An (7-for-7, one ace), Hsu (5-for-5) and Sean Cummings (5-for-6).

Cited for strong defense were Capt. Shawn Furey (17 digs) and Cummings.

Although struggling in the prelim, the Andover JVs remained undefeated (6-0) with a 2-1 triumph by game scores of 30-21, 20-30 and 30-19.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Senior attack wing Grace Farnham pumped in four goals and set up a fifth, as the undefeated Andover High girls varsity lacrosse team rolled to a lopsided 14-4 non-league victory over visiting Arlington at the Doherty Middle School Field.

Diana Crawford then netted four goals as the locals followed up with an 11-5 North League triumph over host Billerica on Tuesday at Lampson Field, breaking a 2-2 halftime tie and dominating play after the break.

Andover has scored double figures in each of its first four games, while allowing five or fewer goals every time and outscoring the opposition by a healthy 49-12 margin overall.

Schedule

Andover (4-0) returns to action this afternoon with its third game in four days, a non-league road clash at Shrewsbury (3:45 p.m.).

The locals also play a non-leaguer at Duxbury (varsity only) next Wednesday morning (10 a.m.), and trek to Algonquin Regional in Northboro next Friday (11 a.m.) during vacation week.

Two games postponed earlier this month have been rescheduled, AHS playing at Gloucester on May 12 at 4 p.m. and hosting Masconomet Regional of Topsfield on May 19 at 3:45 p.m.

Andover 14
Arlington 4

The locals built a 7-3 halftime lead and then held the Spy Ponders to one goal in the second half.

Backing Farnham with two goals each were Capt. Amanda Gallant, senior attack Demorie Crawford and sophomore third home Maggie Lamond.

Completing the romp with a goal apiece were junior home Jeannie Lothrop, sophomore defensive wing Kate Nichols, Meg Cohen and center/Capt. Katie Stewart.

Crawford topped off a five-point performance with three assists, Lothrop added two and credited with a setup each were senior cover-point Laura Denison, sophomore home Jacqui Munro, Lamond, Nichols and Gallant.

"The entire defense continued its outstanding play, and on offense Grace (Farnham) and Jeannie (Lothrop) were sharp," said coach Ryan Polley.

"We passed the ball well. Our transition game is getting much quicker. The skill level is improving and the girls are much more adept at passing the ball upfield rather than running it up. Passes we were missing are now being caught," said Polley.

Capt. Jennie Williams played the first 40 minutes in net and made nine saves, while junior Laura Barber finished up and added three stops.

Prolific scorer Diana Crawford missed the game because of a scholarship interview.

Andover 11
Billerica 5

The Indians gave AHS all it could handle in the first half, as the teams left the field locked in a 2-2 tie.

"I was worried," admitted coach Polley. "They played well in the first half, especially their goalie (Jamie-Lee Whiteway) who was keeping them in it, and we did not play well except for the defense."

As the second half started, however, the Lady Warriors broke the game open with four goals in the opening five minutes and six in the first seven minutes to take a commanding 8-2 lead.

"The difference in the second half is we started to get to the loose balls and the ground balls," said Polley.

Amanda Gallant and Grace Farnham combined for five of the early second-half goals, Gallant with a hat trick and Farnham adding two.

"Gallant took over the game," said Polley. "She controlled almost every loose ball on the draws."

Diana Crawford finished with four goals, both of the first-half tallies and the final two AHS goals of the game.

Gallant added three, Farnham

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HOOP STARS

The Andover Grade 7 Travel Basketball team completed its 30-14 season by playing in the A Division championship game of the Winchester Invitational Tournament the weekend of March 7-9. They defeated teams from Malden, Winchester, and Beverly before losing to Arlington in the championship game, 74-68. The team includes students from Wood Hill, West and Doherty middle schools and St. Augustine School. Back row: Coach Jeff Kemp, Sam Clark, Chris Sartori, Taylor Crocker, Chris Nardone, Ryan Kemp, Coach Frank Defusco, Coach John Nugent. Middle row: John Nugent, Andy Kahan. Front row: Chris Long, Tom Blanford, Chris Gilbert, Mike Morander, Peter White.

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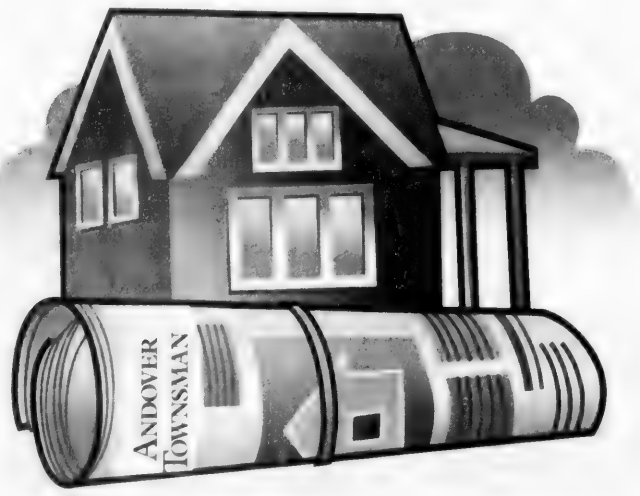

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two including one 47 seconds into the final half, and single goals were contributed by Demorie Crawford and Maggie Lamond.

Demorie also had two assists, Gallant one and Jeannie Lothrop one.

Jennie Williams played the whole game in net and made 12 saves.

Polley lauded the defensive work of Lindsay Mann, cover point Laura Denison and defense wings Ashley Hegarty and Kate Nichols.

Goalscorers for Billerica, with one each, were Shannon Burke, Ashley MacDonald, Mandy Cowan, Jenna Faiola and Danielle Agostino.

Sophomore netminder Whiteway was credited with 14 saves in the BMHS season opener.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

In a romp – The Lady Warriors won running away Monday afternoon, trouncing Arlington, 14-4, in a game where the other team just couldn't keep up.

BOYS LACROSSE

The Andover High boys varsity lacrosse team butted heads with one of the state's traditional powers, St. John's Prep, and came away from the non-league game on the short end of a 14-8 score.

The loss squared the Golden Warriors' record at 1-1.

Schedule

AHS returns to Merrimack Valley Conference/Dual County League Alliance play tonight at Acton-Boxboro (7 p.m.), facing the Colonials a second time after beating them 8-5 in the April 1 season-opener.

The Golden Warriors play at Lowell on Saturday and have a non-leaguer at North Andover on Monday.

Two makup dates have been confirmed. Andover plays at MVC/DCL rival Concord-Carlisle on Saturday, April 26 at 10 a.m. and at Lincoln-Sudbury on Monday, May 12 at 4 p.m.

No new date has been announced for the postponed April 11 home game against Chelmsford.

St. John's Prep 14
Andover 8

The Golden Warriors trailed only 8-6 after scoring early in the third quarter, but then SJP took control and dominated the rest of the game.

"They crushed us in transition," said Andover head coach Wayne Puglisi. "We played well in spots, but for most of the game they overpowered us.

"We weren't as focused as in the opener at Acton-Boxboro. We lost some of that intensity."

Andover had been idle for two weeks, and St. John's (2-2) had played two more games, but Puglisi refused to use the inactivity as an excuse.

Senior attack and Capt. Steve Seero led the locals' offense with a hat trick, while freshman midfielder Buddy Farnham contributed a goal and three assists.

Adding a goal each in the first-ever game against SJP were Capt. Nick Stamas, junior attack Bob Grant, freshman attack Mike Lamagna and Dan Andrews.

Sophomore goaltender Zach Gostanian finished with seven saves.

SOFTBALL

After sitting around 10 extra days waiting for the weather to break and the fields to dry, the Andover High girls varsity softball team had the misfortune to open the season against a strong Tewksbury High team.

Playing the Redmen twice, one a league game and the other non-league, the Lady Warriors were shut out 12-0 and 2-0 while also being no-hit in the second game.

"We're going to be OK," said AHS coach Steph Ragucci. "The second game (2-0) was a better indication of where we stand.

"Obviously we're having some trouble at the plate, but Tewksbury is a good team and they threw two strong pitchers against us.

"In the opener (12-0) we made error after error and couldn't have played much worse. But we have some new kids and girls playing new positions," said Ragucci.

"Within a couple weeks our infield will be solid. (Liz) Pallotta is playing short and she has excellent range and athleticism. Lauren Vieira is catching for the first time and the adjustment will take a little time."

Schedule

AHS, making up for lost time, played its third game in three days yesterday, after *Townsman* presstime, at Lowell (2-0).

The Lady Warriors host Everett in a non-leaguer tomorrow afternoon (3:30 p.m.), and next Tuesday morning North Andover is in town for another non-league game (10 a.m.).

Tewksbury 2
Andover 0

The Lady Warriors had a solid pitching performance from junior Halee Hart, who was making her first varsity start.

She went the distance at Memorial Field in Tewksbury, yielding just four hits and no earned runs (both TMHS tallies came on errors).

Tewksbury scored both runs in the bottom of the second before Hart pitched shutout ball over the next four innings.

Liz Pallotta played a strong defensive game at short, turning a diving catch into a double play, and Kerrie Dargan was also sharp at third base.

The only serious threat for AHS, which did not get a hit off hard-throwing Tewksbury sophomore Liz Mucica (13 strikeouts), came in the fourth when the locals had runners at the corners.

Hart also took a hard shot by TMHS No. 3 hitter Kelly Boyle off the shin, but regrouped and tracked the ball down before throwing Boyle out at first.

"That's gonna leave a mark," said Ragucci.

Tewksbury 12
Andover 0

The locals were limited to a pair of hits by two Tewksbury pitchers, Capt. Jackie Collins and Liz Pallotta lacing a single each.

Sophomore Caitlin Carpentier was the losing pitcher, working the first five innings before reliever Halee Hart came on for the sixth and seventh.

For TMHS, starter Julie Carlino (four innings) and reliever Ashley Riccardi (three innings) combined for the shutout while fanning 10.

Lindsey Cullity belted a three-run homer and drove in four runs altogether.

Other offensive standouts for the visitors were Jill Cooney (triple, double, two RBI), Dina Ferriello (three hits, two runs scored) and Danielle Delponte (two hits, RBI).

Andover was without leadoff batter and centerfielder Jess Leider, the captain off to Vermont for a college visit.

"Jess is one of our sparkplugs and we missed having her in the lineup," said coach Ragucci.

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ANDOVER CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Guard Ian Dempsey poured in 22 points and forward John Brody added 12 as West Parish defeated St. Robert's B, 41-30, in a special playoff game to determine the Andover Church Basketball League boys senior division championship.
Both teams went through the regular season undefeated and entered the showdown at 9-0.
On the girls senior side, St. Augustine B won the title following a 20-15 win over South Church that broke a first-place tie.

SENIOR BOYS PLAYOFF GAME

West Parish 41
St. Robert's B 30
In addition to outside threat Dempsey and inside man Brody, West (10-0) also had a solid performance from Matt Puntoni who scored 4 points and dished out numerous assists.
The champs bolted to a 23-12 first-half lead triggered by numerous fast-break baskets and solid defense.
SRB center Matt Skinner scored 8 of his team-high 12 points in the opening half.
St. Robert's closed the gap to six points in the second half, sparked by the outside shooting of Mike Somma who netted all 10 of his points after the break.
But Brody and Dempsey, who had eight points each in the half, heated up again to quell the threat.
Chris Adams added 3 points for West, whose roster is completed by Chris Burke, Brandon Cooney, David Espindle, Craig Massey, Mike Nickerson, Derek Schwarz and Andy Thibodeau.
Chipping in for SRB were Brad Buitenhuys with 3 points, Robert Barry and Conor Burke 2 each and Tim Hoffman 1 free throw.

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St. Augustine D 33
St. Robert's C 17
St. Augustine D, which finished at 7-1, rolled against youthful SRC as Gordon Dubois netted 13 points, Jon Crush and Mike Tanner 8 each, Dave Boudreau 2 and Adam Eckel 2.
Tom Blanford and Chris Sartori countered with 4 points each for St. Robert's. Brad Burkhard, John Nugent, Tom Vernaglia and Ryan Walsh added 2 points apiece and Sam Clark converted a free throw.

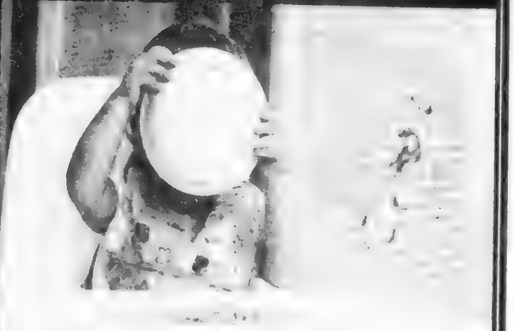
St. Robert's A 34
South Church 14
Mike McPherson led three players into double figures for SRA (7-2), scoring 12 points, while Rob Abisi and Sean McNiff netted 10 each.
Bill Notini had a second-half field goal for the winners, who broke the game open with a 20-7 run as McPherson and Abisi contributed 8 points apiece.
Abhishek Sripad and Greg Moore paced South with 4 points each. Martin Sems provided a field goal, Doug Hawkins 2 free throws and Brett Silverstein a pair of foul shots.

St. Robert's B 41
St. Augustine E 10
St. Robert's shot well the entire game and rolled to the surprisingly-easy win.
Matt Skinner and Mike Somma again led the way with 14 and 13 points respectively, while Brad Buitenhuys and Robert Barry had 4 points apiece Conor Burke, Andrew Cronin and Tim Hoffman also had a bucket each
The five St. Augustine E field goals were scored by Kevin Calabro, Frank Conway, Arjun Kannan, Josh Mack and Dan Papa.

West Parish 43
St. Augustine C 25
Sizzling Ian Dempsey scored 16 of his game-high 18 points in the first half, as division champ West pounded to a commanding 36-8 lead
Matt Puntoni tossed in 9 points, John Brody 8, Craig Massey 6 and Chris Adams 2 to complete the West offense.
David Selima pumped in 11 of his team-high 15 points in the second half for SAC, while Aron Krebs-Finkelstein had a pair of field goals, John Cronin 4 free throws and Satyam Modi a basket

St. Augustine A 36
St. Augustine F 21
SAA saved its best game of the season for last as Tyler Bedford's 20 points sparked an impressive victory over an intra-church rival
Tom Ladeau was another inside presence, finishing with 8 points, while Conor McKinnon had 4. Chris Cheney 2 and Kevin Kobler 2
Leading the counter-charge for the F-team were Josh Jacobs with 7 points, Justin Malins 6, Ben Rosenzweig 4, Andrew Anketell 2 and Sean Donlan 2.

St. Augustine B 39
Temple Emanuel 31
This was a dogfight until St. Augustine B finally pulled away in the last five minutes
Four players did all the offensive damage for the winners, who trailed 21-18 at the half before outpointing Temple 21-10 after the break
Sam Hutchins pocketed 15 points, John Caveney 9, Mike Pierce 8 and Corey Richard 7
Jeff Pirro led a balanced Temple attack with 8 points, while Brendan Hughes and Mike Zappala scored 6 each
JonLars Carlson notched 4 points, Conor Heelan 3, Ian Accomando 2 and Andrew Moura 2



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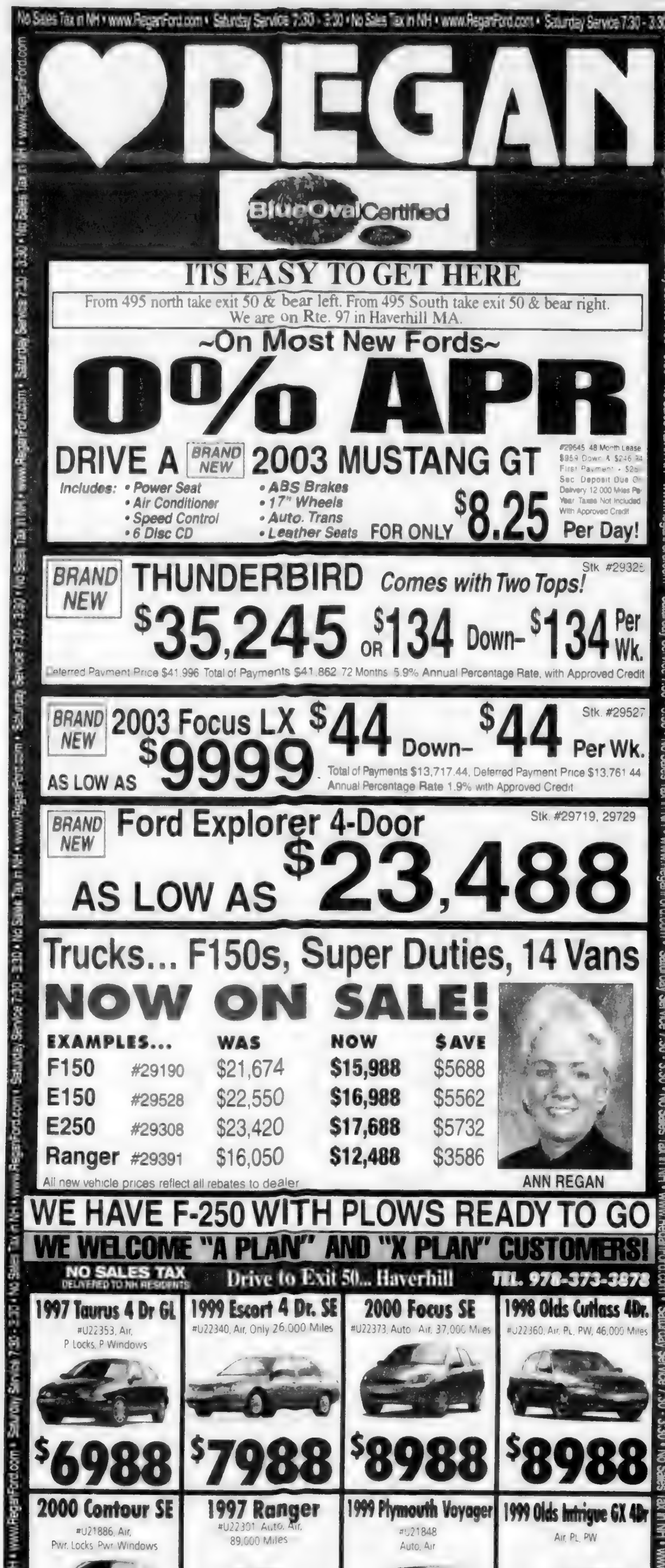

SPORTS TALK

By Rick Harrison

This column, compiled from information supplied by the colleges or by friends and relatives of the student-athletes, youth standouts and coaches involved, is published periodically in the Townsman. Information may be mailed to the office at 33 Chestnut St., Andover, 01810; or faxed to 978-470-2819.

Alice Gregory of Andover is a freshman defender on the 2003 Ithaca College women's lacrosse team.

The Bombers were recently ranked 13th in the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) Division 3 poll.

In the first four games Gregory played, Ithaca held the opposition to just 16 goals.

After 10 games Ithaca was 8-2, including seven straight wins to open the season (most since 1983).

Undefeated in conference play, the Bombers beat archrival William Smith for the first time in 15 years earlier this spring.

Ithaca ranked seventh in NCAA Division 3 in scoring defense (5.571 goals allowed per game) and 13th in average scoring margin (8.29 goals).

Alexandra Costello of Andover, a graduate of Brooks School, is a freshman member of the Trinity College (Hartford, Conn.) women's softball team.

In an early-season 11-3 romp over Skidmore, Costello contributed a 3-for-4 day at the plate including a long triple.

After the first 15 games, Costello ranked third in the New England Small College Athletic Conference East Division in triples with two.

Courtney Famiglietti of Andover has been named a captain of the 2003 Bentley College varsity softball team.

The three-year starter shifted to third base last spring after playing primarily shortstop for most of her collegiate career.

She owns a .258 lifetime batting average and has 96 career hits.

Bentley, whose shortstop is sophomore **Lisa Tisbert** of Andover, played .500 ball over the final 20 games last season and recently launched the current campaign with 10 games in five days in Fort Myers, Fla.

In a Florida doubleheader, Tisbert had one of just two Bentley hits in a 2-0 loss to the University of Indianapolis and laced a double later in the day in a 9-2 setback to Winona State University of Minnesota.

In the second game of a season-opening twinbill the previous day, Tisbert rapped a double, single and scored three runs in an 8-5 win over Teikyo Post.

Tisbert had an RBI single in a 4-3 loss to Cornerstone College of Iowa, and Famiglietti scored the winning run in the final inning of a 6-3 victory over Slippery Rock University.

Famiglietti singled and scored a run in a 5-2 loss to Philadelphia University, and she stroked an RBI double in an 8-5 win over St. Michael's.

Tisbert laced a first-inning RBI single in a 5-1 setback to Florida Gulf Coast University. In a 5-2 loss to New Haven Tisbert rapped a first-inning RBI single, and in the 8-5 victory over St. Michael's she lashed three hits including an RBI double.

Tisbert, leading scorer for the Bentley women's soccer team the last two years, was ninth in the Northeast-10 Conference batting race as a freshman with a .361 average.

She had 10 extra-base hits and shared the team lead in both runs scored (16) and RBI (15).

Dave Powers of Andover, a former captain of both the Andover High and Andover Post 8 American Legion baseball teams, is a sophomore outfielder on the Amherst College squad this spring.

Powers batted .350, with two homers and 10 RBI, on the team's recent trip to Fort Myers, Fla.

Amherst compiled a 6-3 record down south against several nationally-ranked teams.

Amherst is currently in first place in the New England Small College Athletic Conference West Division.

Powers led the team in doubles, runs scored and RBI last year as a freshman, batting .336 and being named Rookie of the Year.

His younger sister, **Jackie**, was a key member of the AHS state champion girls basketball team this past winter and the multi-talented sophomore was also top scorer for the Lady Warriors varsity soccer team last fall.

The morning after Andover clinched the state title with a 48-47 victory over Minnechaug Regional at the Worcester Centrum, Jackie hopped on a plane and flew to Florida to visit her brother.

She then played in a soccer tournament in Virginia before returning home.

Andover High football standout **Russell Stevens** has been selected to play in the 25th Shriners Classic scheduled for June 20 at Bentley College in Waltham.

Stevens, a senior, was an outstanding 6'3", 270-pound two-way tackle on the AHS grid team the past three years.

He will play for the North All-Stars.

Hilary Rich and **Jackson Rich** of Andover recently participated in the 25th annual Bill Koch Cross Country Ski Festival in Putney, Vt.

Hilary, a 6th grade student at Doherty Middle School, finished 10th in the J-4 (ages 10 and 11) girls 3.5 kilometer individual classical race, and 10th in the girls 0.8 kilometer skate sprint. Her team finished 14th in the 3x2.5 kilometer skate relay.

Jackson, a 4th grade student at Bancroft Elementary School, finished ninth in the J-5 (ages 8 and 9) boys 2.5 kilometer individual classical race and 10th in the 0.8 kilometer skate sprint. His team finished 12th in the 3x2.5 kilometer skate relay.

Hilary and Jackson are members of the Eastern Massachusetts Bill Koch Team based at the Weston Ski Track.

The Bill Koch Festival is a yearly competition for cross country skiers ages 4-13 years from Massachusetts, Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire. More than 475 skiers competed this year.

Kerry Nugent of Andover, a sophomore at Brown University and a member of the women's ice hockey team, has been named to the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division 1 All-Academic Team.

To be selected to the prestigious team, a student-athlete must have completed at least one academic year, have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.00 and have competed in at least half her team's games.

FENCING CHAMP

At the Boston Fencing Club in Waltham, Jake Merrill, a seventh-grader at Doherty Middle School, competed in two events March 9 at the Division Championship of the New England Division of the US Fencing Association. In his first event of the day, Y12 Epee, he came in first, winning all his bouts. In Y12 Foil he came in second, winning all his bouts until the gold-medal bout. His record for the day was 15-1. Jake began fencing in 1997 in Andover's DCS fencing program with Molly Sullivan Siliney, a two-time Olympian. He continues to fence with Siliney, and also fences with the Prise de Fer fencing club in Bedford, where he is coached in foil by David Blake and in epee by Gamal Mahmoud.

Iworsley: Staying on track

■ COACH ART IWORSLEY

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he can sometimes fall and can't get back up without help. Iworsley says Eric's doctor points him out to others as an example. " 'Look at him walk,' (the doctor says)," said Iworsley. "He's really an inspiration."

Iworsley also coaches indoor track and girls' volleyball, which has him busy three seasons.

He spends the summers taking it easy with his family. He is the head coach of the indoor team and assistant coach for spring track.

His indoor track tenure has produced 277 victories, 10 Merrimack Valley Conference Championships, four girls state relay titles and four more runner-up finishes. But Iworsley is more likely to point out that 270 kids came out for spring track this year, rather than to bring up his successes.

He participates in many charitable sporting events, but also enjoys volunteering year-round at the Boston Museum of Science, where he runs kids' workshops and acts as a speaker at museum shows, recently the Egyptian show "The Quest for Immortality."

At a recent School Committee meeting, coach and committee member Collins singled Iworsley out for recognition. There was also a standing ovation, which Iworsley says left him not knowing what to do. "I'd never had a standing ovation before," he says .

"It was really a humbling experience. Believe me."

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, April 17

Live music, Adam Ezera Group, $5, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Friday, April 18

Good Friday open house, Faith Lutheran Church in Andover will commemorate Christ's death with an event called "The Way of the Cross for Families," walk through the church building and listen to stories, approximately 20 minutes, conducted continuously between 2:30 and 5 p.m., everyone invited regardless of church affiliation, Faith Lutheran Church, 360 S. Main St.; 978-475-4059.

Andover Good Friday Prayer Walk, Prayer Walk organized on behalf of the Andover Clergy Association by Prayer for Andover, Christians of all denominations are invited to participate, meet at St. Augustine Church on Essex Street at 8:30 a.m., at each stop a member of the local clergy will lead prayers for a specific aspect of town life and will read a portion of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' trial and execution; Roselle or David Heckendorn 978-470-2651.

Breakfast, *Hand in Hand Campaign* of Lawrence Teen Coalition and its Provider Network and the Haverhill Teen Coalition are hosting a legislative breakfast, to ask legislative leaders to work with parents, teens and children, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Lawrence Heritage State Park, One Jackson St., Lawrence; 978-681-4978 .

Live music, Anderson Gram, $8, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets: 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Cabaret, the Miracle Provider's NorthEast Inc. presents cabaret show *Divas Lost Vegas Return to Sin City* to benefit local children and families of the Merrimack Valley and Southern N.H. area infected/affected by HIV/AIDS, featuring live singers, comedy numbers, all proceeds from the go directly to the purchase of health and beauty products for the families, $10, doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m., Evos Arts, 98 Middle St., Lowell, Marc or Brian at 978-458-9838.

Live comedy, Dick Doherty, Mike Fahey, Malissa Hunt, $12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live comedy, Bob Seibel, Peter Costello, EJ Murphy, $12, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Jokemavens Comedy Club, Guest House Inn and Suites, 159 Pelham St., Methuen; 866-404-JOKE, www.jokemaven.com.

Gallery opening, Denise Driscoll, John Greenwald and Art Ketchum, 8 p.m., Higher Ground Coffee House, 194 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-4007.

Live music, John Stewart, $16-$18, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Saturday, April 19

Live music, Jim Gallant and Peter Alpert, $8, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets; 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Artist's reception, six new artists, 5-8 p.m., Walsingham Gallery, 47 Merrimac St., Newburyport; 978-499-4411.

Live comedy, Dick Doherty, Mike Fahey, Malissa Hunt, $12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live comedy, Bob Seibel, Peter Costello, EJ Murphy, $12, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., R-rated hypnotist Joey Devito every Sat. 10:30 p.m., Jokemavens Comedy Club, Guest House Inn and Suites, 159 Pelham St., Methuen; 866-404-JOKE. www.jokemaven.com.

Live music, Aoife Clancy, $10-$12, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Live music, the Ipswich Performing Arts Center and the Ipswich Cooperative Bank present Mac McHale and the Old Time Radio Gang, $10-$18, 8 p.m., Ipswich Performing Arts Center, 136 High St., Ipswich, all seats reserved, 978-969-1962.

Military Observance, the Massachusetts Army National Guard, the City of Salem and the Peabody Essex Museum present the annual National Guard Heritage Muster, free, 9-11 a.m., sponsored by the Eastern Bank, honors the commonwealth's and Essex County's close ties in the formation of the National Guard, the outbreak of the American Revolution, and the first American casualties of the Revolution, parades, reenactment, salutes and memorial services will take place in Salem, for information on all the events call 978-745-9500 Ext. 3011, www.pem.org.

Cabaret, *see April 18 entry.*

Sunday, April 20

Dinner, traditional Easter dinner, $12, noon, Pines of Tewksbury, 2580 Main St., Tewksbury; 978-657-0800.

Live music, Barbara and Al Boudreau Jazz Quartet, 5-9 p.m., Ipswich Bay Bar and Grill, 24-26 Hammatt St., Ipswich, reservations recommended; 978-356-7006.

Monday, April 21 Patriots Day

Volunteer, YMCA is holding Volunteer Week in the lobby, volunteers will be on hand to answer questions about volunteer opportunities at the YMCA through Sunday, April 27; Andover/ North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St.; 978-685-3541.

Book discussion, *Renato's Luck* by Roland Merullo, 10:30 a.m., Memorial Hall Library; 978-623-8401, www.mhl.org.

Tuesday, April 22

Live music, a tribute to Lionel Hampton, the Ed Saindon Quartet, $5, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Roma Restaurant, 29 Middlesex St., Bradford; 978-374-8001.

Wednesday, April 23

Noontime lecture, by Donald Robb, author and Andover Historical Society Board member will present, *Car Talk: The Impact of the Automobile on American Life*, part of Andover Historical Society's Noontime Lecture Series, admission $5, or $3 for members, lectures are brown bag programs and start at noon; Andover Historical Society and Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, 97 Main

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New England Classical Singers, with David Hodgkins, artistic director, will present The Glory of Music, Sunday, May 4, at 3 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover. The program features Haydn's *Missa St. Nicolai*, Mozart's *Exultate, Jubilate* and the more contemporary *In the Clearing*, a setting of poems by Robert Frost composed by American composer Kenneth Fuchs. Guest speaker Mary Ellen Janeiro, executive director of the Robert Frost Foundation, will discuss Frost's Merrimack Valley connections. Soloists Sarah Pelletier, Krista Rivers, David Kravitz, Ryan Turner and a full orchestra will join NECS. Tickets can also be obtained through Arts/Boston, the Andover Bookstore, and the Rogers Center Box Office at 978-837-5355. General admission is $15; students and seniors, $10. For tickets or for more information, call 978-474-6090, or go to www.newenglandclassical.org.

PUTTING THE 'FUN' IN FUNDRAISER

'Stack of applicants' at AHS looking to get matched up on Collins Center stage

By Ben Hellman

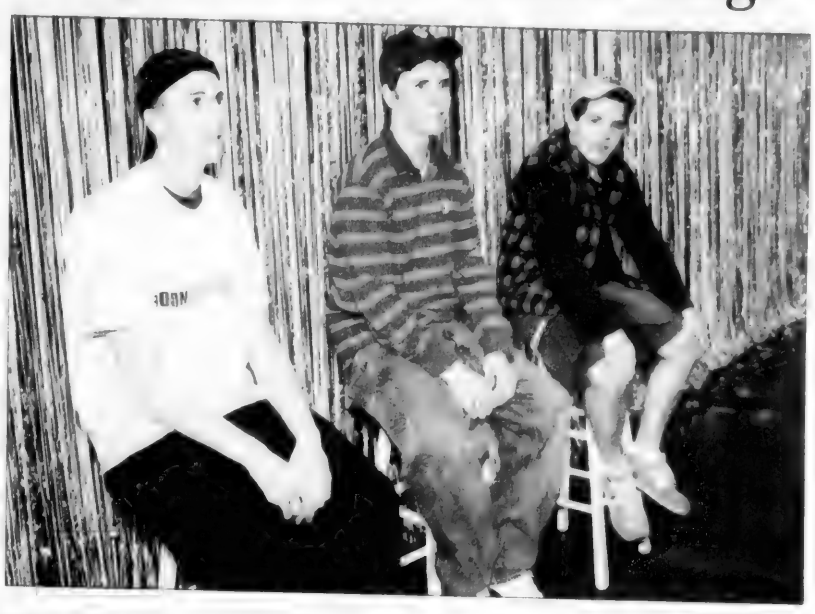
A staged version of *The Dating Game* already has some high-school bachelors and bachelorettes reaching for breath mints.

Andover High School students are getting ready for a student version of the famous ABC television show on Saturday, May 10.

TV's original *Dating Game* ran from 1965-73 and helped launch the careers of stars such as John Ritter, Tom Selleck and Farrah Fawcett.

In the AHS version, the pastel flowers are gone, but those familiar with the game will recognize the proceedings – stools and all. The game show will feature a contestant and three suitors, who will be separated by a partition. The contestant will ask the suitors questions and decide with whom he or she would like to go on a date. Director Susan Sepich says the questions will be similar to those of the TV show, such as what contestants would do if stranded on a desert island.

Each grade will play a round with a girl asking boys questions and vice-versa. The winners will get a date paid for by the school. Tickets will be sold to the event and the proceeds will benefit future Collins Center efforts.



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Demonstrating the style of would-be contestants, AHS stagehands Joe Robichaud, Shawn Marlow and Mike Zammuto take seats on the set they are building for the AHS production of *The Dating Game*.

Director and AHS Collins Center management teacher Susan Sepich says the game will be inexpensive for the school to put on and could prove popular with the students. The school did not have enough money to bring in a band, as was planned.

But the dating game is already being dubbed "the first annual" of its kind, which may signify high hopes for the event.

Sepich already has a stack of applicants who want to get matched up on stage. She says plenty of sophomores and juniors have applied, but fewer freshmen and seniors. Seniors may already have boyfriends or girlfriends and wouldn't be interested, she surmised.

Student organizer Claire Rosenberg has another idea. Rosenberg, a senior, has helped go through applications. Looking at students' responses, she has some idea of how they are reacting to the game. She says seniors have taken the game more as a joke, while younger students have taken it more seriously. "You can tell how serious they are by how much they write," she said. The middle grades have put more time into their applications, says Rosenberg.

Girls have also taken the game more seriously, she says. Rosenberg says she's read enough "dating histories" and other information about girls to feel like she's read their "life stories." One girl's response filled three pages. Another was looking for the "love of her life."

"I don't know if she's going to find it here," says Rosenberg. "We got a lot that said 'I'm desperate,' which I thought was kind of funny."

Joe Robichaud, another senior and a co-producer, says the event is more about fun and raising money so the school can try to book bigger acts at the Collins Center. "We're not trying to get people set up for marriage. It's just a fundraiser," he says.

The Collins Center, once a professional venue that did host nationally recognized stars and acts, fell on hard times as the '80s came to a close. The Collins Center management class is Principal Peter Anderson's attempt to jump-start the center. He has said that other events this year have met with mixed success.

Claire Rosenberg, a student organizer, steps from behind the curtain to check out the identities of her three ersatz suitor-contestants. On Saturday, May 10, the winners of the show will get a date paid for by the school, from tickets sold for the event.

Local Ben Stiller look-alike gets on TV

Andover High grad Dave Casanave launches celebrity look-alike show on TBS

By Judy Wakefield

IT'S A QUESTION Andover native Dave Casanave gets asked a few times a week: "Are you Ben Stiller?"

When you see Casanave, you can understand why. He looks SO much like the Hollywood actor Stiller – star of movies such as *There's Something About Mary* (1998) and *Meet the Parents* (2000) – that he was chosen from a pool of 450 applicants for a new television show about celebrity look-alikes. He'll appear on the show's first episode airing later this month.

"It's kind of a crazy story how all of this happened," the 1985 Andover High School graduate said of his soon-to-be-seen television appearance.

Casanave said he has a friend who is the director of a new television show premiering this month on Turner Broadcasting System (TBS). The show, *Movie & a Makeover*, airs weekends on TBS. A celebrity look-alike segment will be connected to the movie showing and that's where Casanave makes his mark.

"She kept saying I was a dead ringer for this show but I said, 'No, no,' " said Casanave, 35, who now lives in Arlington. "Then, I was called again, and decided to do it."

Andover native Dave Casanave is in the spotlight on the set of *Movie & a Makeover*, which is shown weekends on TBS.

"It's kind of a crazy story how all of this happened."

DAVE CASANAVE, ON BEING CHOSEN FROM A POOL OF 450 APPLICANTS FOR A NEW TELEVISION SHOW ABOUT CELEBRITY LOOK-ALIKES ▶

Along with hundreds of other applicants, he sent photographs of himself to Turner Broadcasting headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. and, as they say in Hollywood, he got the call.

Last month, he flew to Atlanta for the show's taping and was wined and dined and left feeling like a true celebrity.

"It was two full days of non-stop production – shooting and meetings," said Casanave, who took time off from his real job as the manager of media relations at the First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston. "I earned a union wage and it felt like Hollywood."

After the studio shooting, he ventured out to a restaurant to see how people would react.

"It worked brilliantly," he said of his Stiller impersonation. The crowd reaction made it clear everyone thought he was Stiller.

Casanave said the occurrence of that question he is so often asked has somewhat cooled as Stiller has not had a hit movie since *Zoolander* (2001).

But, back in 1998 when *There's Something About Mary* was a mega-hit, that famed question – Are you Ben Stiller? –

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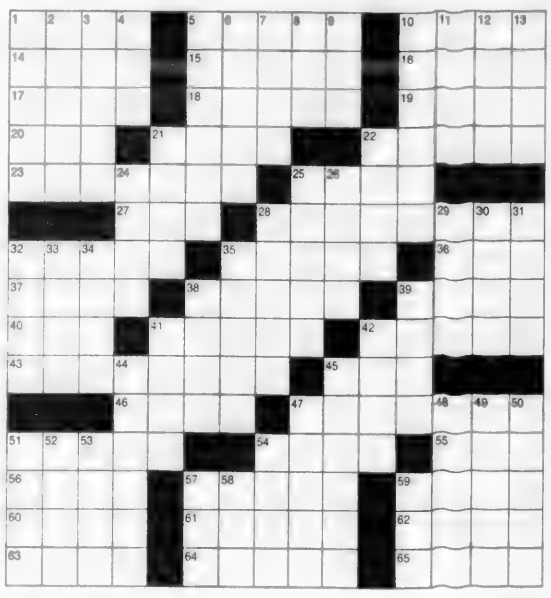
CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS

1. Nancy ____, teen detective
5. WWII submarine
10. Droop
14. Taunt
15. Wall
16. Split
17. Deteriorated
18. In a way, was quiescent
19. Metal shackle
20. 13th letter of Hebrew alphabet
21. Inquisitorial
22. Devoid of ideas or intelligence
23. Tributary of the Mobile River
25. "Ally McBeal" character
27. Pretend falsely
28. Chitchats
32. Coffee
35. Medium for communication
36. Express pleasure
37. Riding horse
38. Urticaria
39. Peak
40. Eccentric shaft
41. Craps winner
42. With no protection or shield
43. Being an exception
45. Humbug
46. Coil
47. Jazz group member
51. Burn with a hot liquid
54. Magpies
55. Auto
56. Cloak
57. Money lender
59. Deride
60. Small ladies' bag
61. Former US coin worth $10
62. Earthen pot
63. Never
64. Woolen clothing fabric
65. Bleached

CLUES DOWN

1. Mystery play for one
2. The brightest star in Orion
3. Fluid accumulation in tissues
4. Take in marriage
5. Loathsome
6. Tree of lowland C. America
7. Comply
8. Any high mountain
9. Vietnamese offensive
10. Removed from the city's center
11. Monetary unit of Italy
12. River in England
13. Self-replicating protein molecule
21. Naive person
22. Content
24. Divulge a secret
25. Bearing a heavy load
26. Wading bird
28. Compel with a mallet
29. A woman's hip-length jacket
30. Domestic
31. Cast off hair, skin or feathers
32. European freshwater fish
33. Amounts of time
34. Summer or boot
35. Being in competition
38. A person who inherits some title or office
39. Expresses pleasure
41. Missile type
42. Launched Apollo
44. Oblong cream puff
45. Supported
47. To pour a drink
48. Very coldly
49. Marten of N. Asian forests
50. Go on foot
51. Type of gun
52. Small shed
53. A mark placed above a vowel
54. Call out
57. Disappear beyond the horizon
58. Nictitating membrane of a horse
59. The most exalted being

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St.; 978-475-2236, www.andhists.org.

Talk, Betsy Williams presents *Mrs. Thrift's Cupboard*, learn her magical tools for transforming refrigerator chaos into culinary delights and more, free, 9:30 a.m., Memorial Hall Library, 978-623-8401, www.mhl.org.

Merrimack Valley Camera club meeting, light refreshments 7 p.m., program 7:45 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 978-455-8519, www.mvcameraclub.org.

Thursday, April 24

Show, Bubble Mania, Casey Carle the comic bubble-ologist will perform, $5, 1 p.m., Hood School cafeteria, North Reading; 978-664-6016.

Live music, Chuck Brodsky, $10, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Friday, April 25

Theater, Colonial Chorus Players presents *Honk,* Andover residents include Dana Bissett, assistant director; Justin H. Colombo who plays Barnacles, Ensemble; Ben Pascucci as Bull Frog and Tim Vincent as Greylag, $10-$14, 8 p.m., Doherty Middle School, for tickets call 781-944-9780, or at www.colonialchorus.com.

Northern Essex Community College presents its 29th Annual Still Point Dance performance on Friday, April 25, Saturday, April 26, and Sunday April 27 at 8 p.m. in the Sport and Fitness Center on the college's Haverhill Campus. Ballet students will perform the premiere of a new piece, Welcoming/Rejoice, choreographed by Pamela Wise with music by Teleman. Shown left and right in photo are Gennifer Brown of Plaistow, N.H., and Heimi Churcher of Methuen. ▼

Dance, Northern Essex Community College presents its annual *Still Point Dance* performance, $8, $6 seniors and students, 8 p.m., Sport and Fitness Center, Haverhill Campus; Elaine Mawhinney 978-556-3395.

Live music, Livingston Taylor, $18-$22, 8 p.m., $60 pre-concert wine and cheese reception with Livingston Taylor, price includes preferred seating, 7 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover; 978-837-5355.

Livingston Taylor

Opening reception, artist Jim Hodges and student from Lawrence High School and Phillips Academy to perform *colorsound*, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

Live music, Bill Morrissey, $15-$17, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Live comedy, Robbie Printz, Chris Oake, Lance Buchanan, $12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-

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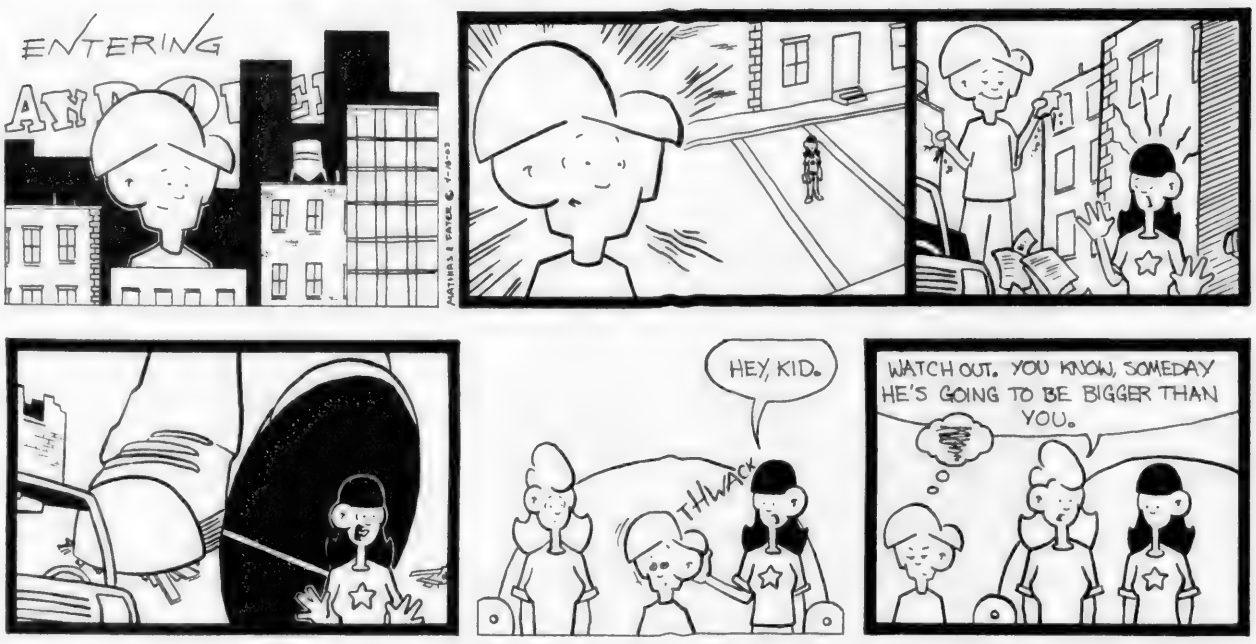
ENTERING ANDOVER

By Neil Fater and Don Mathias



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EVENTS CALENDAR

■ APRIL 17 THRU APRIL 27

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938-8088.

Artist reception, Andover photographer Wilda Gerideau-Squires, 7- 9 p.m., Laura Coombs Hills Gallery, 60 Water St., Newburyport; 978-465-8769. ▶

Quilt show, exhibit of quilts, wall hangings and quilted clothes presented by North Parish Quilters, $5, 6-9 p.m., Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill St., North Reading; 781-944-3948.

Live music, Karen Jacobsen and Jennifer Marks, $8, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets; 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Live comedy, Joe Matarese, $12, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Jokemavens Comedy Club, Guest House Inn and Suites, 159 Pelham St., Methuen; 866-404-JOKE. www.jokemaven.com.

PHOTO BY WILDA GERIDEAU-SQUIRES

As part of its Featured Artist Series, the Newburyport Art Association will present an exhibit by Andover photographer Wilda Gerideau-Squires entitled "Women of the World: Their Faces and Places." The exhibit will be open for two weeks beginning today, April 17. In describing this particular body of work, Gerideau-Squires said its focus is the evocative landscape of female existence around the world. The 35-40 photographs planned for the exhibit were made during her most recent travels to countries including Italy, Russia and Spain (at left, her shot from Estonia). There will also be several pieces representing the United States. An artist's reception will be held for Gerideau-Squires on Friday, April 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Laura Coombs Hills Gallery, 60 Water St., Newburyport. The regular gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m. For information regarding the exhibit, contact the Newburyport Art Association at www.newburyportart.org, or call 978-465-8769.

Saturday, April 26

Conference, the annual Merrimack Valley Alzheimer's conference for families and professional caregivers, Practical Alzheimer's Care, free, 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., Wyndham Andover, Old RIver Road; 978-683-7747.

Plant sale, the Spade and Trowel Garden Club of Andover plant sale., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., funds raised benefit scholarships and civic beautification projects, in the Park, Bartlet and Chestnut streets.

Benefit yard sale, for the Committee to Protect Andover Zoning (PAZ) Treasures, a bake sale, and refreshments, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 8 Quail Run (off Bailey). Equipment and volunteers are still needed for this event; to volunteer, call Lori Mattheiss at 978-686-8625. (rain date May 3) www.pazonline.org.

Fishing derby, the Andover Sportsman's Club annual fishing derby, for children to the age of 15, free, 6 a.m.- noon, Sudden Pond, Harold Parker State Forest, North Andover.

Live music, benefit concert, Shirley Lewis and Friends, gospel and blues, $10, under 12 free, 7 p.m., Belleville Congregational Church, 300 High St., Newburyport.

Poetry, the Robert Frost Foundation presents *400 Years of Poetry in the Merrimack Valley; A celebration of Bradstreet, Whittier, Frost and Kerouac*, family fun, featured poet Paul Muldoon will read at 3 p.m., free, 10 a.m - 4 p.m., Heritage State Park, Lawrence; 978-725-8828. www.frostfoundation.org.

Audition, the Merrimack Valley Players are holding auditions for *42nd Street*., 8 a.m.-2 p.m., 15 minute slots are available, call ahead for an appointment, First Baptist Church in Methuen; Dawn Marie Gabriel 603-893-6226.

Live comedy, Jon Fisch, Chris Oake, Lance Buchanan, $12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover, 781-938-8088.

Live music, Sonia, $13-$15, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell, 978-453-5755.

Live music, Eathan Bessey, 8 p.m. The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets; 978-372-5441. www.crescentdragon.com.

Live music, Carol Noonan, $15, 8 p.m., tickets at the door from 6:30 p.m. (advance tickets available at Andover Bookstore), doors open 7:30 p.m., New Moon Coffee House, Jct. Rts. 110 and 125, Universalist Unitarian Church, Haverhill; 978-373-9259. www.newmooncoffeehouse.org.

Live comedy, Joe Matarese, $12, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., R-rated hypnotist Joey Devito every Sat. 10:30 p.m., Jokemavens Comedy Club Guest House Inn and Suites, 159 Pelham St., Methuen; 866-404-JOKE. www.jokemaven.com.

***Honk,** see April 25entry.*

Quilt show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., *see April 25 entry.*

Dance, *see April 25 entry.*

Sunday, April 27

Live music, violinist Jorge Avila and the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic, $5-$15 2:30 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover, 978-372-8273.

Jorge Avila

Mercy Sunday, opportunity for confession, 2 p.m., Holy Hour 3 p.m., there will be Litany of Divine Mercy, Benediction and Prayer for Healing, Franciscan Center, 459 River Road, 978-851-3391.

Kids Walk for CASA, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate Program) Walkathon, exercise, fun and music, 10 a.m -noon, AHS Field House; Lisa McDonald 978-475-9397 or MaryBeth Finn 978-475-0414.

Live music, Larry Pattis, $10-$12, 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell: 978-453-5755.

Live music, Barbara and Al Boudreau Jazz Quartet, 5-9 p.m. Ipswich Bay Bar and Grill, 24-26 Hammatt St., Ipswich, reservations recommended: 978-356-7006.

Dance, *see April 25 entry.*

Celebrity look-alike

■ A STILLER DEAD-RINGER

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was asked of him every day, sometimes two or three times.

Casanave said when he was at Andover High, he was indeed a dead ringer for the opening scenes in *There's Something About Mary* that feature Stiller's character flashing back to high school. Casanave has pictures of himself at AHS and he said he looked just like Stiller does in those movie scenes.

"All the images of him (Stiller) in high school at the beginning of that movie are absolutely me, dead-on," he said. "The wavy hair, the braces, the shirts. So, that's what I did. I sent photos from high school (to TBS)."

He clearly still has the Stiller look and when a Hollywood fashion professional outfitted him in some hip West Coast clothes and oh-so-cool shades, he looked as if he was ready to hit the red carpet and sign some autographs.

"It was just a lot of fun. There was no TV snootiness. Everyone was really friendly and supportive," a down-to-earth Casanave said of the experience.

Casanave, son of Marilyn and Clyde Casanave, grew up on Stinson Road with his brother and three sisters. He keeps in touch with hometown friends and is planning a party at his Arlington digs for the show's premiere airing April 26. He expects many Andover friends to be there.

"It will be a lot of fun to see the hometown reaction," he said.

The new TBS show will be doing all kinds of makeovers connected to movies and is not limited to celebrity look-alikes.

For example, shows on how to look drop-dead gorgeous for a first date and how to redo a kitchen with the latest painting techniques are in the works.

Movie & A Makeover will air every Saturday at 11 a.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on TBS beginning April 26, with the Andover native launching the premiere.

Pressure? What pressure?! Casanave prefers to stick to his low-key attitude about his television experience.

"It was just a lot of fun," he says.

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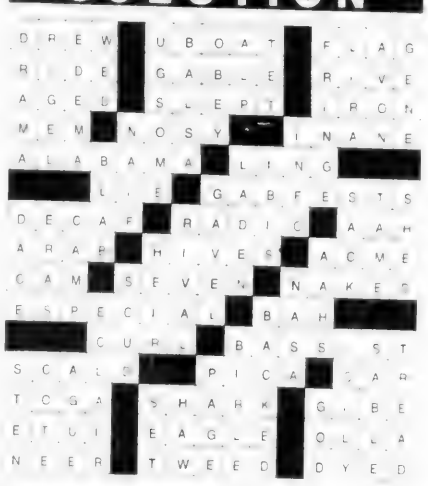

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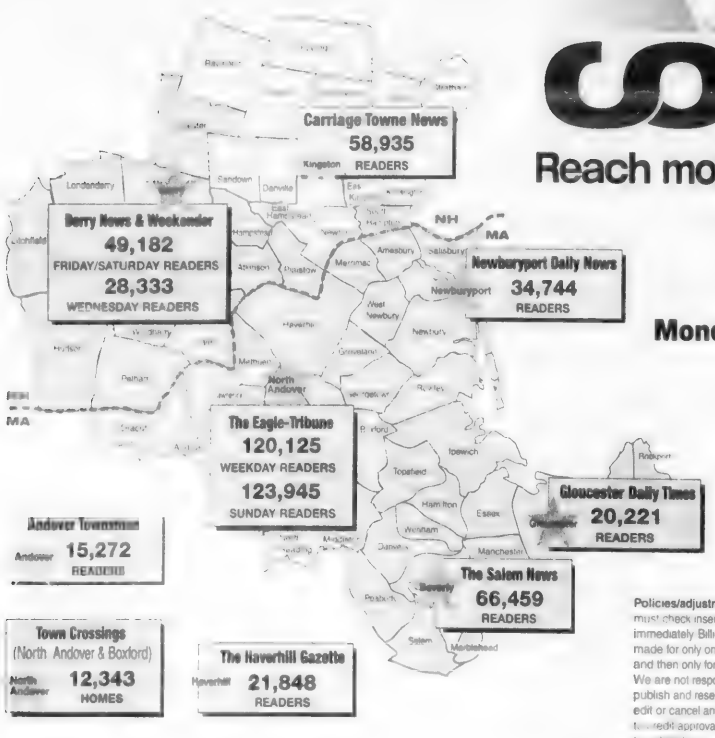

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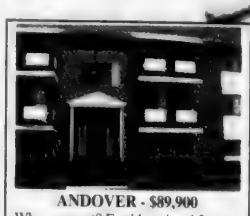

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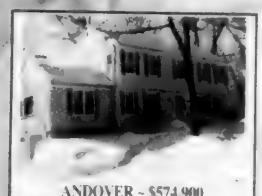

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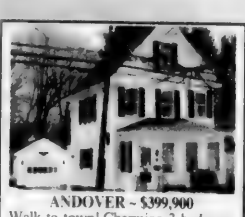

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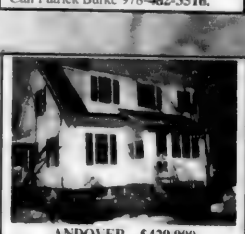

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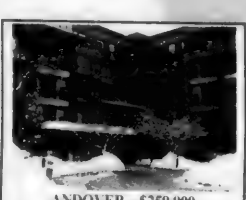

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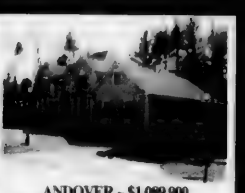

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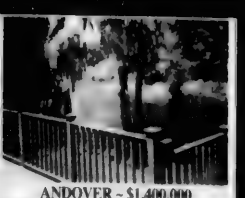

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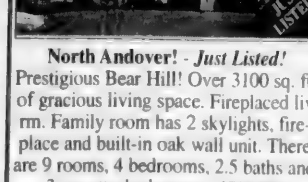

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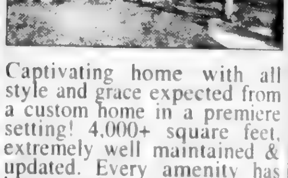

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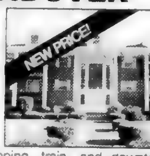

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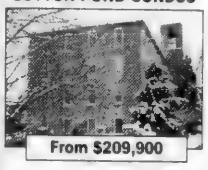
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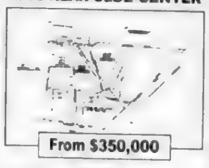
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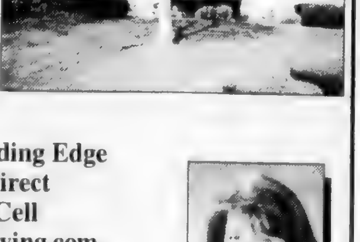

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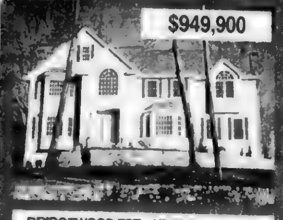

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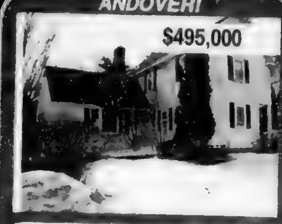

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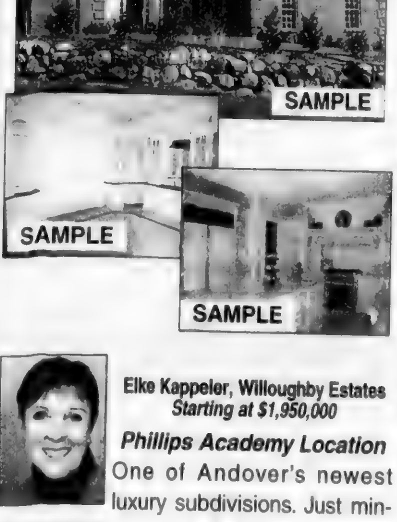

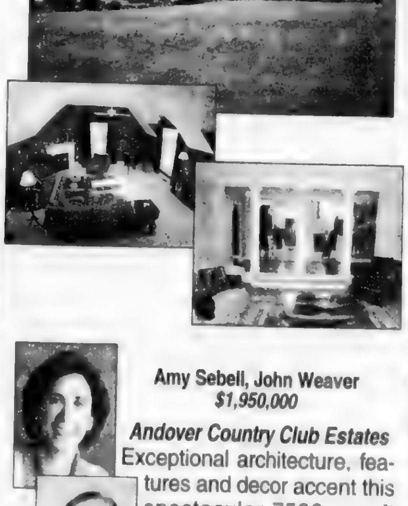

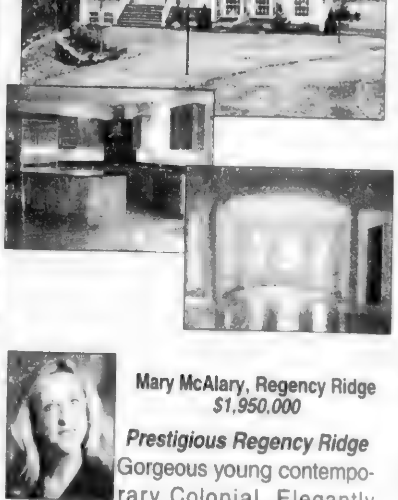

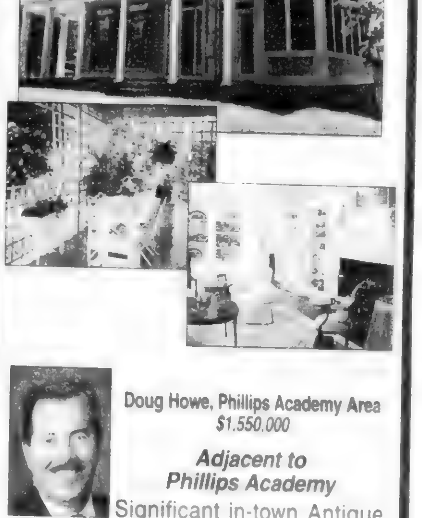

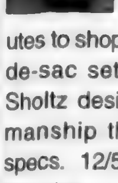

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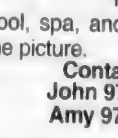

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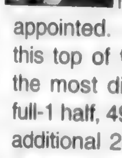

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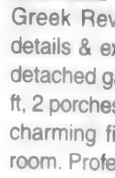

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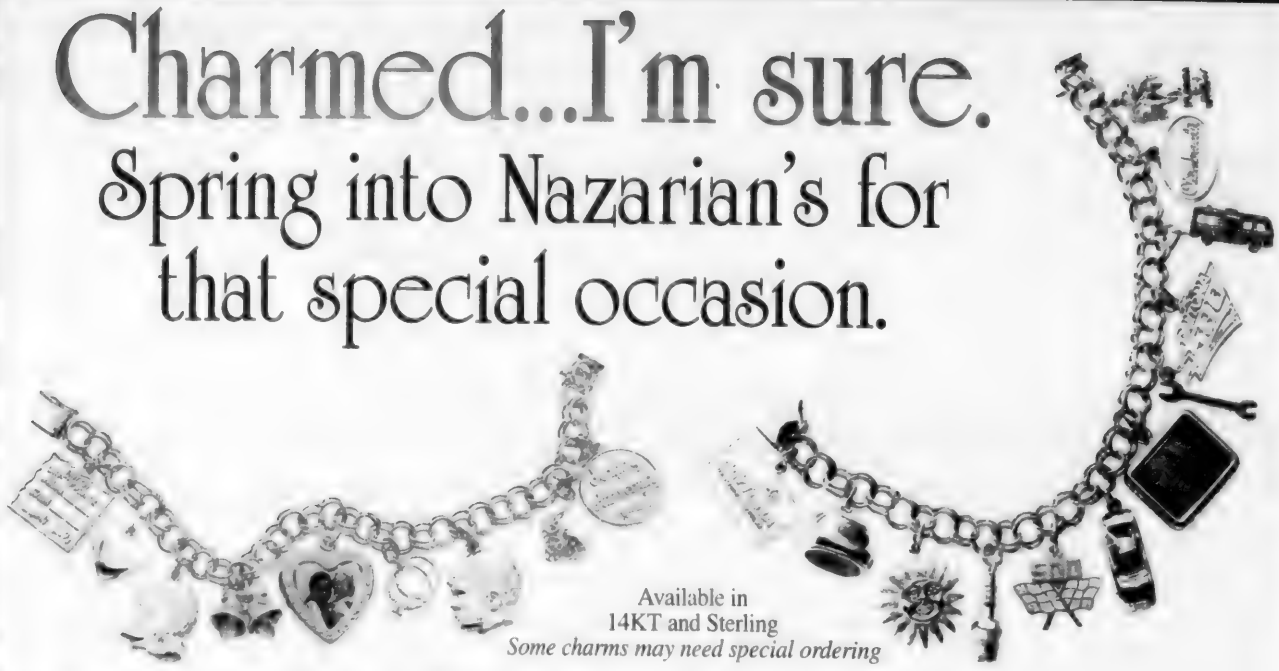

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SPRING HOME AND GARDEN

Spring designs: What's new in home fashions

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This new-construction Andover kitchen design by Sue Adams will have have a spring feel all year with the white beaded board and glass cabinets.

PHOTO BY PETER JAQUITH

This breakfast room designed by Sue Adams, has a fresh spring feel with azelia-colored walls and granny-apple cushions on the chairs .

By Kyra Auffermann

Each spring, fashion designers introduce new styles of clothing to reflect the changing season – shorter hemlines, or the introduction of pink as "the new black," or green as "the new pink." Beyond the contents of one's closet, spring can also introduce morphing trends in interior decorating.

One of the fastest ways for residents to update their home for spring is to eliminate their clutter, say some decorators. Rather than crowd shelves with knickknacks and collectibles, people can choose a few meaningful, carefully selected pieces and eliminate anything that isn't essential.

Barbara Reichter, of Andover Interior Designs, agrees that the pared down look is the quickest way to update a space for spring, laughing at her slogan of "When in doubt, throw it out." Cleaner lines are a predominant theme for spring. For example, with flowers, one large bouquet, will work better than crowded clusters of nosegays or smaller flowers.

Sue Adams, of Sue Adam's Interiors in Andover, has seen an emerging trend of incorporating a '60s feel into one's decor this spring, complete with bright color schemes. While she assures the more timid decorator that a muted palette never goes out of style, Adams points out, "When you're talking orange, you're talking trendy."

A more predominantly conservative look is also being seen now – Reichter calls it a "transition" phase from retro styles and she sees the shabby-chic design mantra of previous seasons

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Getting a garden started is meant to be enjoyed

PHOTO BY JACKIE KATZ

One of Jackie Katz's gardens with white Shasta Daisys and Bee Balm in bloom.

By Thea Shapiro

Spring has arrived, and local gardeners have some tips to help get people started on creating the types of gardens they've admired in colorful magazines.

The first thing to look at is one's soil, says Joyce Bakshi, Andover Garden Club chairwoman of Garden Therapy, a group that goes to nursing homes and does crafts with flowers.

"Get your soil tested. You can buy a do-it-yourself kit at any garden-supply store," Bakshi says. "Check that the soil doesn't have too much clay in it. If it does, add loam." She also recommends starting a compost.

Mary Donovan, secretary of Spade and Trowel Garden Club, advises gardeners to "look at other people's gardens and go on a garden tour. If the garden you like has the same basic environment (like sun and shaded areas) as the space you want to plant in, ask the gardener about their plants. Gardeners love to talk and share their plant and flower stories."

When Donovan moved to west Andover 25 years ago, she says she was so excited that she planted 12 trees in the worst area of her yard, and they all died. If she had only asked other gardeners in her area, she says, she could have saved a lot of money and time. She also recommends starting small. Small gardens are easier to manage, and more than one at a time can be planted.

Jackie Katz, vice president of the Andover Garden Club, offers these "getting started" tips for the new gardener.

- Do your research. Look at magazines and books, and use the library.
- Know your soil.
- Decide where you want your garden. Do you want to sit on your porch or your patio? Do you want to decorate the front of your house?
- Think about the style of your home. What kind of garden would work best – country or formal?
- Do you want to be working in the garden a lot?

Katz has eight small plots in her yard. When planting perennials – plants that will continue year after year – she says people should take care not to plant too many, too close together. They

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Eliminating Pesticides

Keeping lawns healthy, the healthy way

By Thea Shapiro

Keeping a lawn healthy without pesticides can take some time, but there are residents taking this approach to lawn care. Rejecting the use of pesticides that pose a risk to children and pets, they are instead selecting hardy, deep-rooted strains of grass and organic products marketed to build healthy soil.

Once an organic lawn has been established, it will require less water to maintain according to the State Dept. of Environmental Protection.

There is the added bonus that children and pets won't be tracking pesticides indoors.

According to the Northeast Organic Farming Association, most lawn pesticides found indoors have been carried there by shoes, paws, toys and air currents. Once inside, pesticides can linger on carpets, toys and in the air for months without sunlight to break them down.

Organic lawns are healthy for people and pets.

The Andover/North Andover League of Woman Voters and the Andover Board of Health and Water Departments held a meeting in Andover last month to teach residents about organic lawn care. Here are some of the suggestions they offered:

Keeping your lawn beautiful

According to the pamphlet given out at the meeting in Andover, pesticides are not necessary for a beautiful lawn. In fact, they can do more harm than good. They kill the microbial life necessary for healthy soil and can kill pests' natural enemies. The easiest and most cost-effective way to achieve a beautiful lawn is to work with nature. A healthy lawn needs nutrients and micro-rich soil to develop deep-rooted, dense turf that competes successfully with weeds. Dense turf is beautiful and low-maintenance. It naturally resists drought, insects and diseases.

Basic lawn care

Don't cut the grass when it is shorter than three inches. David Walsh of the Organic Lawn Company in West Newbury, and one of the speakers at the Andover forum, says this accomplishes several things: It prevents annual weed seed from germinating by shading it. No light, no germination. It also allows for more leaf, shoot and rhizome (above ground lateral roots) growth. In the long run, it helps to thicken the turf.

Here are some lawn care tips from Walsh:

• Mow high, taking off no more than one third of the grass blade. Mowing, like pruning, is a shock to the system. Mowing more than one third at a time decreases photosynthesis and stops root growth for as much as 28 days.

• Mow frequently.

• Keep the mower blade sharp. Dull blades can tear the plant tissue, leaving it more vulnerable to disease.

• Return the clippings. This returns nitrogen to the grass and adds organic matter, and may help reduce weeds.

• Water the lawn only when the soil is dry six inches down. In the summer, that may be about every 10 days. Give the lawn one inch of water.

Hiring a lawn service

The Andover Board of Health also has some tips on hiring a lawn service:

• Specify mowing high with a sharp blade.

• Request corn gluten, a natural root inhibitor.

• Request organic fertilizer.

• Beware if a lawn service claims a chemical application is safe. Federal Environmental Protection Agency regulations prohibit manufacturers from making pesticide safety claims.

• Never allow unidentified products to be used on a lawn. Request safety information and read it before application. Chemicals listed as inert ingredients can be toxic. Many pesticides also persist in lawns and soil long after the posted 24 to 72 hours.

• Ask for an organic program.

Organic lawn care

Walsh says an organic lawn can take up to three years to establish fully. Soil amendments such as compost and calcitic lime may be essential to help establish an organic lawn, especially if pesticides have been used previously. Soil testing can help determine what amendments the soil may need.

A healthy lawn may still contain some wildflowers and weeds, but will also support beneficial insects and birds that will help to prevent major infestations of grubs.

According to Walsh, an organic lawn will have more weeds early on, but over time there will be fewer weeds.

Think about landscaping part of the lawn area with a diverse selection of native plants, hardy flowers, ground covers, clover, trees and shrubs. They add visual interest and reduce maintenance and watering.

Did you Know...

Before World War II clover was part of the seed mix for lawns. It was the advent of broadleaf herbicide that turned clover into a weed.

– David Walsh of the Organic Lawn Company

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Top 10 tips to creating a successful rose garden

(WMS) – The rose is nearly 35 million years old, according to fossils.

The flower has long been a favorite with royalty – emperors in 17th century Europe used the flower for everything from rose-petal confetti at feasts to rose-water baths – to flaunt their wealth. It has also has been used for medicinal purposes, perfumes, even food throughout the ages.

About 5,000 years ago, the Chinese began cultivating roses in gardens, and soon everyone wanted a piece of the magic for their homes. Today, nearly 25,000 people are members of the American Rose Society, an organization dedicated to promoting the rose's survival and history.

These 10 tips will help people have a garden blooming with roses in no time:

1. Ask local nursery or garden center experts which roses grow best in this climate. Or, research at the local library in gardening encyclopedias or online at www.everyrose.com or The American Rose Society's Web site at www.ars.org. The novice gardener, may want to look into disease-resistant varieties and those that require less maintenance.

2. Sunny spots with well-drained soil are the best homes for a rose gardens, advises *Taylor's Master Guide to Gardening* (Houghton Mifflin Co.) by Roger Holmes and Rita Buchanan. They need at least half a day of sun to stay healthy.

3. The ideal soil has a pH level – the amount of acid in the soil – of 5.5 to 7.0, according to the Home and Garden Showplace, a garden center in Murfeesboro, Tenn. (Test kits are available at most garden centers or nurseries.)

4. The first step to planting a rose garden is to remove soil from an area 18 to 24 inches wide and 24 inches deep. Add organic matter like manure and lime to help nourish the roots. When ready to actually plant the roses, soak the roots in water or puddled clay (available in most garden centers or nurseries) for several minutes. Cut off root ends that are broken or damaged – they'll be hanging by a few hairs. Check with a gardening professional or a gardening encyclopedia about how much spacing to leave between rose plants because it varies by number and variety.

5. Never leave rose plants strewn about while waiting to be planted. The roots can dry up and die if exposed to air even briefly. Instead, keep them covered with soil or water while planting the others.

6. During the first three to four weeks after planting the roses, water them often, whenever the top 2 inches of soil feels dry. Once that delicate period has passed, soak the bed every seven to 10 days. Be sure to water them in the morning and take care to keep the moisture off the leaves to prevent insect and fungus infestation.

7. Fertilize new roses about three months after planting, then put down 3 to 6 inches of mulch. Mulch helps retain moisture, control soil temperature, prevent weeds and increase nutrients.

8. Before pruning, always coat the shears in an equal parts water and bleach mixture to protect your roses against bugs and diseases.

9. Spring is the best time for planting roses. To make sure a rose garden stands out, plant other seasonal plants, such as spring bulbs or low-growing summer flowers like marigolds.

10. The best rose gardens are truly treated with tender, loving care. Take the time to take care of a new garden. The old myth that a garden can nourish plants by talking to them might not be such a bad idea.

Growing healthy roses isn't as hard as many people may think.

Yearly schedule for lawn care

from the Andover Board of Health:

March and April
Sharpen mower blades.
Raise mower blade to three inches.
Test soil and add soil amendments based on soil test.
Reseed bare patches, or apply corn gluten to prevent weed germination.
Leave clipping on lawn to fertilize.

May and June
Check for weeds; pull them out by hand.
Reseed bare spots.
Monitor insect pests.
If there is grub damage, spot treat with milky spore (once every 10 years) and or with beneficial nematodes (once yearly for two or three years).

August
Homeowners may allow the lawn to go dormant during a draught, it will green up after a rain.

September and October
This is the best time to seed generously.
Fertilize sparingly if needed or top dress with 1/4" compost.
Aerate the soil if it is compacted.
Lime the soil if an autumn soil test finds the pH lower than about 6.8.

November
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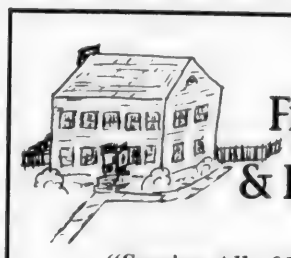

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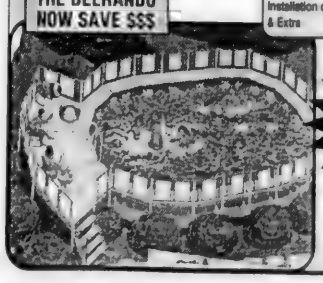

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Cleaner lines and natural fabrics lead the way

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giving way to cleaner lines and a more tailored appearance, she says.

Popular color choices are varied this season ranging from "anything yellow," to purple-toned blues, while also including natural sage greens and a more metallic, bronze look.

The details this spring are softer, with some shag carpeting being seen, though "not the shag rugs of your mother's day," specifies Adams. The newer version is more "poodle-y" and soft, rather than messy and overgrown.

Window treatments are also becoming somewhat simpler, with less structured curtains and often fewer panels of fabric. The traditional iron curtain rod is still popular. Many people are also choosing bamboo shades for a natural, eclectic feel.

When doing a complete overhaul – or even updating a few pieces – Adams comments that selecting pieces that are not to scale with the space in which they will be displayed is a very common mistake among those who decorate without outside help. For example, people may pick a chair that' s too small to work with the surrounding furniture.

Another problem people often have is selecting wall colors that are too dark for a room. While this is more a matter of talent and practice than anything else – some mistakes are often difficult to spot until it's too late – people should remember that a second opinion on buying items such as canary-toned throw pillows may not be a bad idea.

Not sure which trend to adopt this season? Clear off the counters and be confident that the extra space may be all that's needed to stay trendy. Now, if only finding a new pair of shorts was that easy.

Kyra Auffermann is an Andover Townsman intern.

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The whimsical hand-painted doors of the cabinet bring spring colors to this room. Painted by Andover artist Pat Peterson.

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What to do when termites 'Spring' into action

(NAPSI)-As warm weather approaches, familiar sights and sounds signal the onset of spring-blossoming flowers, chirping birds and balmy afternoons among them. But another sure sign of spring's arrival termites may go unnoticed by millions of Americans who could be affected.

According to Orkin Pest Control, during the winter months, the 13 or more subterranean termite colonies that inhabit the average acre of American soil reproduce rapidly. How rapidly? The queen of each colony lays an egg every 15 seconds. By spring, the millions of eager offspring have sprouted wings and are ready to take flight. When they do, their job is to pair off and establish new colonies, sometimes in homes.

Research shows that termites take a bite out of more American structures than fires and storms combined. According to Orkin Pest Control, termite damage costs two million homeowners a combined $2.5 billion a year in repairs. Because infestation is so common, typical homeowner's insurance policies do not cover termite damage.

"Spring is the time to be vigilant about protecting our homes from termites," says Orkin entomologist Paul Hardy. "When termites swarm, our homes are more vulnerable than ever to infestation. Termite detection and prevention should be part of everyone's spring cleaning."

Because termite infestation can easily go unnoticed, the best way to identify an existing problem is to have a thorough home inspection by a pest-control professional. Most national companies offer free termite inspections on request. Depending on the severity of the problem, visible signs of infestation include:

• Pencil-sized mud tubes running across masonry from the ground to wood portions of the house;

• Distorted or bubbled areas of paint on wood surfaces; and

• Sagging wood structural elements, such as floor joists, beams or sills.

Orkin Pest Control recommends homeowners reduce their chances of termite damage by following these steps:

• Look for excessive moisture in and around the home, and eliminate it. Basements, crawl spaces and spaces under sinks are common problem areas;

• Trim siding or stucco at least 6 inches above the soil level;

• Maintain clean gutters and downspouts;

• Move firewood away from the house. Ideally, woodpiles should be off the ground as well;

• Eliminate points of entry for termites by sealing cracks in the foundation or siding and

• Consider a bait and monitoring system.

Paint color can enhance more than mood and appetite

The color of the walls does more than just express personal taste. It can actually influence the mood of those who spend time in the home, according to the experts at the Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute.

Here are some things to know about hues when thinking about repainting a room, according to the institute:

Red packs a wallop, physiologically speaking, increasing blood pressure, heartbeat and energy in most people. It instills feelings of intimacy, passion and sexuality. Red also increases the appetite, which explains why it is used so often in restaurants, and why it can be a good choice for a formal dining room.

Orange, like red, tends to warm a room, but in a more friendly and welcoming way. As a result, paints that come in various shades and tints of orange work well in living rooms and family rooms.

Yellow is also warm and welcoming, but it is more attention-getting than either red or orange. For this reason, it is a good paint color to use in poorly lit foyers or dark hallways.

Blue, which is part of the cool color palette, makes people feel calm and tranquil, so it is ideal for use in bedrooms. But since blue works as an appetite suppressant (perhaps because there are so few blue foods) it is not the best option for a dining room.

Green is another relaxing color that is much more versatile than blue.

Light greens are ideal for bedrooms and living rooms; midtones are good for kitchens and dining rooms.

Violet is a tricky color. Many adults dislike purples, but are fond of the rose family, which can work in many rooms, including dining rooms, bedrooms and libraries. Young children, on the other hand, respond favorably to violet so this color can be used successfully in children's bedrooms and play areas.

These general guidelines are a good starting point in the search for a paint color. But the experts at the Rohm and Haas Paint Quality Institute remind people that color choice is a very personal matter.

Choose a hue that suits the family and their lifestyle.

After investing time to select just the right color interior paint, make sure it continues to look that way long-term by investing in a top quality coating, which will go on smoothly and evenly, resist stains, touch up nicely and hold its color over time.

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Practice safety while at work on lawn, garden and home projects

(WMS) – Whether it's clipping, cutting, mulching or mowing, chances are homeowners will be using motorized equipment or tools for their spring cleaning, lawn and garden maintenance or home-improvement projects. While powerful electric or gasoline motors with whirling metal blades or grinding, razor-sharp teeth make many household chores easier, they can also make them dangerous.

According to Underwriters Laboratories Inc., in the US, approximately 78,000 people make hospital visits each year because of lawn-mower mishaps; an estimated 84,000 victims are treated in emergency rooms after power saw accidents and more than 90,000 injuries occur with lawn and garden equipment.

The safety professionals at Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) recommend that people follow these safety precautions when using lawn and garden equipment and power saws:

Lawn mowers

• Before operating a mower, make sure to read the owner's manual thoroughly, noting all safety and operating instructions. Learn the controls well enough to stop the machine quickly in an emergency.

• If using a gasoline-fueled mower, store the gas in a safety can. Fill the mower outside, away from possible ignition sources. Before starting the mower, be sure it is on level ground and disengage all clutches.

• Always start the mower outdoors. Never operate the mower where carbon monoxide can collect, such as in a closed garage, storage shed or basement.

• Electrically powered lawn mowers should not be used on wet grass. Use an extension cord designed for the outdoors and rated for the power needs of the mower. To reduce the risk of cutting the cord while mowing, start mowing in the area nearest the electrical outlet, then mow away from the outlet so the power cord will be behind the mower.

• Make sure all safety guards are in place and keep the mower's blades sharp. If a foreign object is hit or there is a mower malfunction, turn off the mower and disconnect the power cord before inspecting for damage.

• Keep hands and feet away from the mower's blades. Never reach under the mower while it's in operation, and make all adjustments with the motor off.

• Safe footwear is important, especially with walk-behind mowers. Shoes should provide good traction to reduce slipping and have sturdy soles to resist punctures. Never work barefoot, in sandals or in canvas shoes.

• Never leave a lawn mower on while unattended. Curious children, eager to help, may get injured.

Lawn and garden tools

• Before using any appliance or tool, read and follow the manufacturer's use and care instructions.

• Look for the familiar UL Listing Mark before purchasing a power tool, garden appliance or any other electrical product. The seal indicates the product has been tested for fire, electric shock and related safety hazards.

• Before each use, inspect power tools and electric garden appliances for frayed power cords and cracked or broken casings. If the product is damaged, don't use it or attempt to repair it. Return the product or have a qualified repair shop examine it.

Every year, thousands of people are treated in emergency rooms after power saw accidents.

• Keep clothing, hands and feet away from cutting blades at all times. Never wear jewelry when working with tools. Always wear safety glasses.

• Pay attention to warning markings. Don't allow tools to get wet unless they are labeled immersible. When using tools outside, make sure they are appropriate for outdoor use.

• Use only properly rated outdoor extension cords with outdoor electrical tools. Make sure the power tool or garden appliance is off before plugging it in. Keep the cord away from heat, oil and sharp edges.

• Unplug all portable electrically operated power tools when not in use. These tools contain electricity even when turned off but still plugged in.

• Use and store power tools and garden appliances away from water sources to avoid electric shock. Never use power tools and appliances in the rain.

• Have a qualified technician install ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) receptacles in all outdoor outlets. Test your GFCIs monthly.

• Never carry an appliance by the cord. Always grasp the plug – not the wire, before removing a cord from a receptacle.

Power saws

• A blade guard is a necessity. People should buy a saw with the guard they feel most comfortable using, and keep it on at all times. Some types, such as sabre saws, cannot be designed with a guard; be especially careful to avoid contact with the blade. Before operating saws with guards, make sure they are in place and working properly.

• Make sure the power saw is off before plugging it in. When finished, turn off the motor. Make sure the blade is stopped and unplugged before cleaning around the saw.

• Always wait for the saw blade to stop before pulling away from a cut to avoid kickback. Kickback can occur when the blade jams or binds in the wood and throws the saw toward the operator (portable power saws) or the wood toward the operator (stationary equipment).

• While operating the saw, keep the cord away from the cutting area and position it so that it will not be caught on the work piece.

• Make sure to use the right saw for the task. For example, don't use a circular saw for cutting tree limbs or logs. A chain saw is the appropriate tool in this case.

• A properly sharpened saw blade provides better and safer performance. Sharp blades minimize stalling and kickback. Saw blades that are chipped, bent, or damaged should be discarded immediately.

• Use clamps or a vise to hold work in place.

• Keep children away from the work area and equipment at all times.

• Use rubber or other non-slip matting around the work area to prevent trips and falls. Keep the floor clean.

• Don't wear watches, bracelets and long sleeves while cutting. They can get caught in the saw's moving parts.

• When using an extension cord with a saw, make sure it's in good condition and is heavy enough to carry the current product will draw.

For more information and tips on safe use of ladders, extension cords and GFCIs, visit www.ul.com/consumers.

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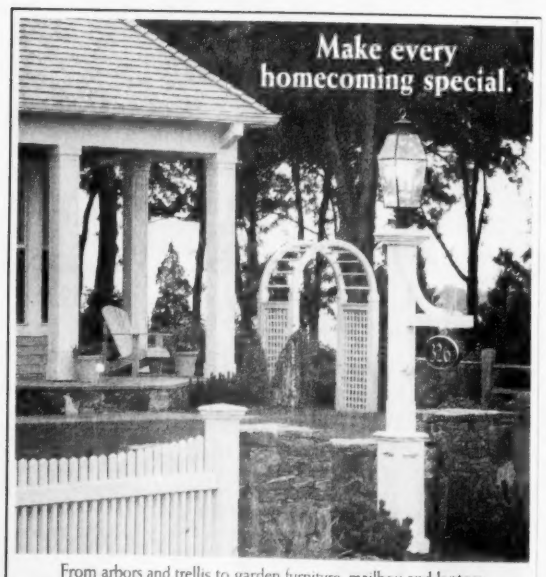

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Express yourself with a themed container garden

By Joe Sherinski

(MS) – Container gardening is one of the easiest and least expensive forms of gardening. It provides tremendous flexibility for people living in a house, condo or an apartment. Containers are a quick way to add color or style to any decor, because not only can they be moved easily and rearranged seasonally, they are a perfect way to create themes and a great way to express a gardener's unique creativity.

Most of the steps for a container garden follow the same format: select a theme, choose the appropriate container and identify the wanted plants and flowers. First, fill the chosen container one-third full with potting soil and position the plants until the desired effect is reached. Then, one by one, remove the plants from their original containers, loosen some of their roots with a trowel and place the plants into the new container. Fill it with more potting soil until nearly full, then thoroughly water the new plants or flowers. Using a potting mix that contains fertilizer, gives plants a vital initial dose of nutrients when they are first planted. After 30 days, it's recommended to continue feeding with a fertilizer-like) plant food to maintain lush growth.

There are several themes around which one can easily create a container garden. Those who enjoy cooking can make a container garden with all the ingredients for a favorite pizza or salsa recipe. To build upon a theme, use a pot with a Mediterranean- or Mexican-influenced design. To begin, fill a large container complete with drainage hole one-third full of potting soil. Then, plant one pepper plant (hot or mild), one tomato, basil, some garlic and onions or shallots.

A cactus container garden is also a unique way to add flare to a home. Cacti and other succulent plants have shallow, wide-spreading root systems designed to make use of dew, rather than deeply soaking rains. That's why a wide, shallow container or saucer works best for this kind of project. To plant cacti, add a half-inch layer of charcoal to the bottom of the container and add a cactus potting soil. Utilize a Southwestern-inspired pot to highlight your cactus container garden.

A relaxation container garden is an inexpensive, easy way to add a sense of serenity to any home. Choose plants and flowers in cool colors such as blue, green and purple, or create an aromatherapy garden with a container full of lavender or rosemary. Placed bedside, the soothing fragrance of these plants can aid sleeping.

The "GardenPower with Joe Sherinski" television show is currently syndicated in 25 markets across the country. To learn more about gardening, send your questions (you must include your city and state) askjoe@gardenpower.com.

A themed container garden can add the beauty of plants to any kind of home.

'Sound' advice on using leaf blowers

(WMS) - To put the finishing touches on the just-mowed lawn get out the leaf blower. Besides moving mounds of fall leaves, it's a great tool for those finishing touches like blowing grass off pavement and a great way to save time on spring cleanup jobs like blowing leaves from around shrubs and cleaning out gutters.

When using a leaf blower to give that extra polish to the landscape, be sure to keep neighborhood courtesy in mind. Check with the town about any ordinances that apply to hours of leaf blower use.

Reduce the sound of the leaf blower by lowering the throttle speed and by using special nozzle attachments designed to reduce sound levels even further. Read the blower's operating instructions or check with a local power equipment dealer about the availability of nozzle attachments that are appropriate for blower model.

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Today, there are many types of leaf blowers available to meet homeowner needs from lightweight hand-held blowers to rugged backpack designs.

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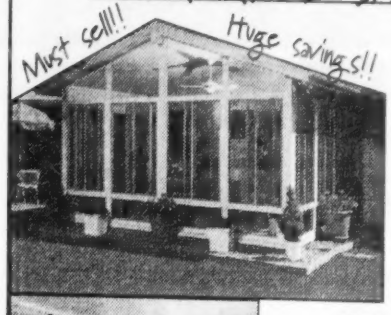
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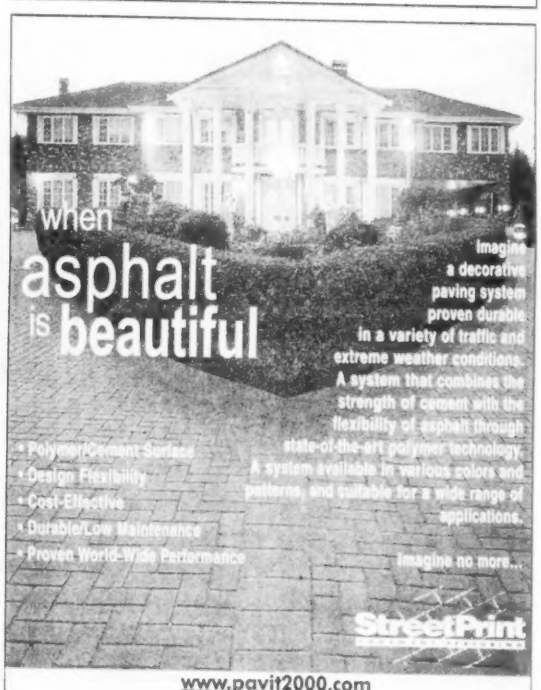
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Plant list courtesy of Jackie Katz, vice president of the Andover Garden Club.

Coneflower *(Echinaceas).*

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will spread, given time. The first year or two, people should consider filling in bare areas with annuals like Impatiens and Petunias, she says.

Both Bakshi and Katz recommend that new gardeners keep a journal. This doesn't need to be any more elaborate than a notebook for jotting down the names of plants and where they have been planted.

Finally, one of the most important things about gardening, reminds Bakshi "Is to enjoy yourself."

Two of Katz's eight gardens around her property.

The Garden Clubs

Andover has three garden clubs. All the clubs take care of different islands' plantings around town. They also do outreach work, have meetings and share information.

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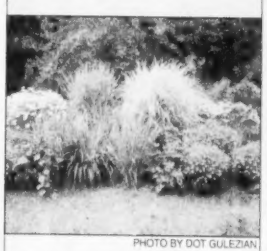

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